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Clinton puts the heat on Adams

ATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

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The Clintons arrival in Dublin yesterday drew huge crowds and, following his momentous visit to Londonderry and Belfast, sealed a personal political triumph. He delivered a passionate plea for a lasting solution to the troubles and an end to bloodshed.

He called on ther Irish peovd of 80,000 in ple to stand firm alongside Premicr John Bruton as he took the s invited all the necessary risks in the search for peace. He later toasted his success with a glass of Irish stout in a Dublin pub bearing his mother's maiden name, Cassidy. He praised the two Governments' twin-track initiative as "a ir Patrick brilliant formulation which per-State for mits allows people to go forward

... without giving up any of the things they believe in and have to have. I am inclined to believe it will succeed. The lesson of the past 15 months is that people like peace. They want it to go forwards not backwards."

John Major yesterday acclaimed Mr Clinton's trip as giving a "huge boost" to the cause of peace. "Can anyone who wilnessed President Clinton's remarkable visit to Northern Ireland seriously contemplate a return to bombing and shoothe Conservative Women's 'onference in Westminster Mr Bruton admitted the esident's visit to Britain and land created the opportuni-

> His endorsement came he membership was aned of the new internabody. As expected, it chaired by former US or George Mitchell, 62; ther two will be the chief of the Canadian armed ieneral John de Chasteand Mr Harri Holkeri, vas Finland's premier 7 to 1991.

for London and Dublin to

h a breakthrough.

Doctor in the House as university honours Blair



Legal eagle: Labour leader Tony Blair receiving an honorary doctorate in civil law at the University of Northumbria, Newcastle Photograph: Reute

City frenzy over 'cure for cancer'

ing?" the Prime Minister told | into a frenzy in the belief it can cash in on the holy grail of medical research - a cure for cancer. In their scramble not to miss out on the billions to be made from a cure, investors are brushing aside warnings from the medical establishment that it is too early to tell if a break-through has been made.

In spite of caution from researchers and clinicians, shares in an almost unknown company, British Biotech, have nearly doubled in value in two days. One buyer was said to have raid £25 a share, five times what British Biotech's shares fetched just a couple of months ago. British Biotech, an Oxford-

ported "positive interim findings" from clinical trials of the new drug Maximastat, involving ger than Glazo in the 1980s." 94 patients in advanced stages of cancers in the lower bowel. ovaries, prostate or pancreas. There was some evidence that tumours may have shrunk in about one-third of patients.

Hectic dealing in British Biotech shares out a value of more than £800m on the company in spite the fact that it has never made a profit. Share dealers shrugged off a £10m loss on Thursday morning to send the stock soaring from £10 a share to £16.75 last night. Analysts were finding it hard to contain their enthusiasm for

One said: "The share price has Marina From modest research be-

nings, Glaxo grew to become Britain's largest company, worth more than £30bn, mainly because of the success of just one treatment, the Zantac antiulcer drug. Earlier this year, Glaxo launched an unprecedented £9bn hostile bid for Wellcome, maker of the Aids drug Retrovir.

But senior cancer researchers and clinicians greeted with scepticism claims that the new drug could be a billion-pound cancer cure. Professor Gordon McVie. the company, which triggered

based research company with a raft of potential therapies for cancer and arthritis, has only re
the City's buying binge on doubt it, based on the results so Thursday by publishing a set of far. There's no way you can say promising results from tests.

teresting because it acts against

a different target compared to existing cancer drugs, according to Dr Fran Balkwill, a principal scientist with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. It also has the advantage that it can be tak-en orally, at home, rather than injected in hospital. But Dr Balkwill added: "We must be extremely careful not to raise false hopes. This is an early first step along a very long path. It does something, but whether it will benefit patients in the long term - we cannot say that this

is a new cure for cancer." Ann Barrett, Professor of director of the Cancer Re-search Campaign, said: "I'd sity, said: "It is too early to say

from these results if it helps patients and there is reason to be sceptical because often good efborne out in phase three."

Prof McVie said preliminary results were encouraging and spoke highly of British Biotech's expertise. The company has not yet compared the drug's action against existing treatments: that will come with phase three - randomised trials involving large numbers of patients to assess if the drug does improve on current therapies.

Shares scramble, page 4





MAGAZENE Dulwich College, the school that lost its head

Frank Sinatra: bad attitude at 80



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rday all aspects trading activities and with de-trading Simes, the Singapore International Monetary Exchange, and persuading it to re-lease more than £76m.

Mr Koh said Leeson was sorry, and "contrary to speculation, there are no secret profits. Our client has no assets." Proceeds from a £450,000 book deal for his memoirs "will go to the agent, the ghostwriter, English and German lawyers and Singapore counsel". Mr Koh revealed that Lecson's wife. Lisa, suffered a miscarriage at

Leeson has apologised for casting any doubt on Singapore's legal system Leeson points finger, page 5

BSkyB faces inquiry into 'monopoly' on sport and films

wholesale at prices set by

BSkyB. Small cable operators

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

UK competition authorities yes-terday struck at one of Rupert Murdoch's most lucrative opcrations, vowing a wide-ranging inquiry into the activities of the satellite broadcaster BSkyB. The move by the Office of

Fair Trading (OFT) was heraided by smaller cable companies, which have led a loud and public campaign aimed at con-vincing regulators in the UK and in Brussels to roin in BSkyB, the nation's most profitable television broadcaster, and 40 per cent owned by Mr Murdoch's News Corporation. At stake are BSkyB's supply

the novel, which caused a sen-

sation when it was first pub-

and unscramble television signals, constitute an abuse of a dominant position. BSkyB chief executive Sam Chisholm promised full co-operation with the inquiry, but sharply criticised the complaining operators, suggesting they were using the regulatory

process to further their business,

rather than competing in the market place.
The OFT said yesterday it

dustry, under which 28 TV channels, including Sky Sports and Sky Movies, are distributed would also look at BSkyB's exclusive deals to broadcast sport. to determine whether they complain that the company's should be referred to the Re near-monopoly on film and sport for pay-TV, as well as its control of conditional access strictive Practices Court, Under an agreement with the Premier League, BSkyB has the right to match any price for television

technology used to scramble rights offered by competitors. The Premier League has received legal advice that the clause is not enforceable. BSkyB countered that the clause was introduced at the request of the Premier League when the current £304m contract, due to expire in 1997, was signed threeand-a-half years ago.



ARE GARNER

original handwritten manot of Erich M Remarque's ated anti-war novel, All :. In the Western Front, was

lished in 1929. The manuscript was bought by Julia Rosenthal, an interna-£276,500 at Sotheby's tional dealer acting on behalf of a German buyer in Osnabruck, roument had only rene to light after re-

Remarque's birthplace. Ms Rosenthal, who is based in Oxford, said after the sale: or decades in the "This is a key work of the 20th of the author's first century and it is particularly fits copious deletions ting that it should have come to light in a year when attention is s and includes a prenown episode ini-

tially written for the opening of so focused on war. The appearance of this manuscript will enable the definitive text of the novel to be established. It is a dream of a manuscript."

Dr Susan Wharton, Sotheby's

expert in continental manuscripts, said: "The existence of this text was unsuspected until very recently. "Its appearance is a literary

event of major importance and we are very pleased with the price it realised." The novel recounts the ex-

the Nazis in Berlin in 1933, and Remarque himself remained persona non grata in Germany for another 50 years. It has been translated into 45 language and sold an estimated 50 million copies world-wide. M Giuseppe Verdi's working

manuscript for Otello fetched £188,500 at the same anction.

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After trisk musicians warmed up the young crowd, Mr Clinton appeared to a linge roar, fantages from the Army band, and a sea of Stars And Stripes before the freedom of the city was conferred on him. He joked of trying out its special privilege of taxing states. The second state of the second taxing second states and he would have second same was Cassidy - to

Alan Murdoch sees the President and Hillary receive a rossing reception

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traordinary generosity of Irish

America great, he said.

When I want more than anychings for the young people of
I Ireland, wherever they live on this island, to be able to live out

believe if you want to grasp the global culture you need to come to Ireland", he said citing James loyce and Roddy Doyle, Neil fordan and Jim Sheridan, U2 nd the Cranberries.

Moments, such as a pint of a rrk, cool Irish drink in a pleasnt old bar, were nevertheless plete with reminders of earr past political earthquakes. Mr Chaton went down the irrow Victorian passage of eet, once known to British diers as "The Dardanelles" ause of the numbers of the t there by Fenian snip he evening state ban olin Castle's State served up just y

Bhagwan women jailed for five Lottery blamed as that years over US murder plot

DAVID USBORNE Portkand, Oregon

United States judge yesterday sentenced two British women to five years in prison each for conspiring to murder the US Attorney for the state of Oregon while members of the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh "free-love" cuit

The two women, Sally-Anne Croft, 45, and Susan Hagan, 48, were convicted four months ago by an Oregon jury of helping to hatch a plot at the Bhagwan's sprawling compound in the centre of the state, known as "Rancho Raincesh", to assassinate the then federal At-

The sentence, delivered by Judge Malcolm Marsh in an emotional hearing in court, was considerably more lenient than most had expected. Technically, the pair could have been imprisoned for life, although that was never thought likely. Both



Treated leniently: Susan Hagan, left, and Sally Anne

role after serving just one-third in Washington State. They will of their sentences but can expect remain free on bail until then. to serve two-thirds. They will begin their sentences next month, probably in a low-security camp

Even as he began reading his statement explaining the factors in his considerations, Judge

Marsh indicated he still had not decided finally on the length of the sentences. He said that while the crime committed was

on bail has allowed me in some small way to give back to the community," she said Yesterday marked the cliremain free on bail until then.

"most serious indeed" he had been swayed by some 50 letters of support sent to the court by where he later died. friends and supporters of the vomen since their conviction. I do have a sense from the letters I have received of sup-

port that the defendants have confronted and have considered what they were involved in and I sense they believe that it is something that they would have better have avoided," the Judge

Hagan thanked the judge for allowing her to stay free pendweeks she has been working on an Aids project. "Your generosity in allowing me to stay out

max of five years of legal bat-

had returned to Britain in 1985 after abandoning the cult shortly before it fell apart and the white-bearded Bhagwan, famed for his fleet of 94 Rolls Royces, fled to his native India,

When the US government revealed in 1990 that it was seeking to extradite the women in 1990 to stand trial in Oregon, they earned the support of several high-profile British fig-ures, including MPs such as Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown. The extradition request was finally granted by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, in

The assassination plan arose a grand jury inquiry into allefraud on Rancho Rajneesh. The ranch's inner circle, which included both Croft and Hagan were apparently concerned that his investigations threatened the continued existence of the tles for the two women. They cult and had to be stopped.

and they're not going to have

slashes spending b

Save the Children - one of Britain's largest charities - yesterday announced sweeping £9m cuts to its projects across the world because of a continuing fall in its income, which it believes has been compounded by the effect of the National

The charity, which funds pro-iects in 50 countries and whose president is the Princess Reyal, is to cut its £91m overall budget by 10 per cent April 1997. "It's a very tough fund-raising climate anyway, and half of our income is from voluntary

contributions, which is under pressure," said Don Redding, a spokesman for Save the Chil-"People feel they don't have much money in their pockets,

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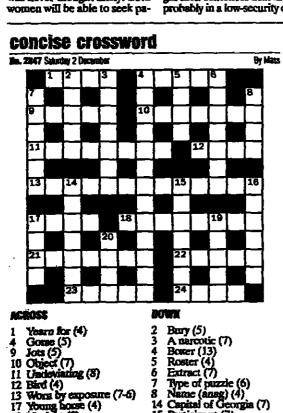
sure that adds to the prob-

The cuts will result in job losses and the closure of projects, including family centres and schemes for young people leaving care in Britain. The 80 British projects supported by Save the Children will not escape unscathed.

It is not the first funding crisis the charity has faced. Last year, it amounced it was cutting £30m from its budget over four years as a result of the decline in fund-raising.

In a statement issued yeste day the charity said: "In the changed world of the Ninetis we have found oursely trapped between massively which has affected ever pockets at home."

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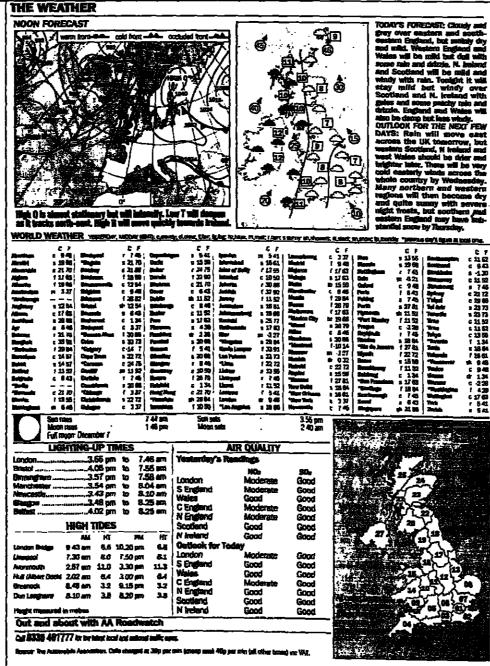


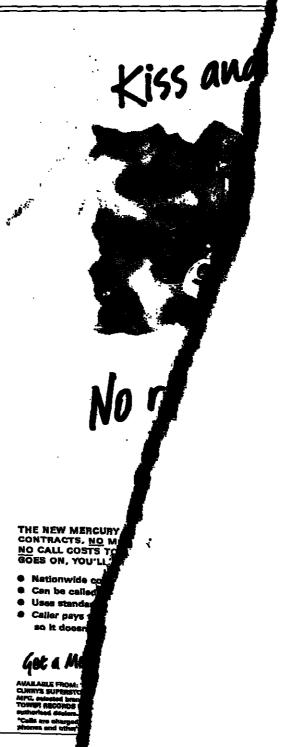
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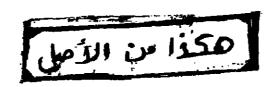
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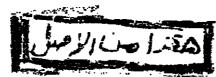
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and a people rejoice in the spirit of peace





Irish welcome: Top left, schoolgirs rush to greet the President in the Falls Road, Belfast; below left, RUC officers keep the crowds back in west Belfast; main picture, the presidential car tours east Belfast

There might not have been quite so many people in Dublin's College Green had we turned out for Bill Clinton in Belfast and Londonderry. The Dubs will not be outdone.

The rain lifted from the skies when Air Force one ap-proached Dublin Airport and Ireland's most popular radio sunglasses for terrorists on the show hosted by Gay Byrne roofs of what we know to be perurged the listeners to go out and feetly blameless buildings. Go give the man a proper welcome. in there, show the man that we

Maeve Binchy, the novelist, finds joy on the streets of Dublin and hope in Irish hearts Stop complaining about the traffic restriction and the roads appreciate that he's doing something for peace.

The President met the leaders in the government Buildings while Hillary Rodham Carter mackintoshes speaking into their wrists and peering through spoke to an invited audience Irish women in Ireland's na-

> Standing under the famous Daniel Maclise painting "The

Aoife" the 12th Century liaison that cemented the whole unfortunate and confused relationship between the two islands, the wife of the President of America urged the women of Ireland to be courageous in car-

And then it came to the bit that the people of Dublin could join in, the part where the President was made the 63d Freeman of Dublin City.

Standing in front of the magnificent building that once held a bit of history. They said to tying out all the hopes and the parliament of a united Ire-each other that he was taller. dreams of these days; the work land and Britain for a few short and greyer and better-looking couldnt stay all that making of peace was too important to years at the end of the eight han he looked on television. teenth century, Bill Clinton

faced his public. There were thousands and thousands there, office workers on very long lunch-times, families from the suburbs who had brought children in by bus and train to see

He could have staved for

Did they like him? Almo certainly and universally ye The average Dubliner is cyr. ever and ever, his face so facal but not as they went hom miliar suddenly relocated in from the Friday afternoon in the

familiar streets was heavy.

But there were huge other

things like a pint of Guinness in

Cassidys pub and an address to

both Houses of the Irish Par-

iokes with dubs and waving to

fresh air. A man taking his children home by the hand through the happy streets gave the man his due. He sees himself as a peaceliament, a state banquet, he maker, and don't we need those

hadiv? Macve Binchy is a columnist for

First Lady lambasted over 'pointless women's meeting'

At the start of the President's European tour, Hillary Clinton told the 22 distinguished women who had coffee with her in the plush environs of the US ambassador's dining room on Wednesday morning that the only way to deal with criticism: subject, are indignant at the seis not to take it personally. lection of what they see as an "Women spend too much time unrepresentative bunch of left-worrying about other people's les to exchange views on approval and not whether or not they approve of themselves," she said. Hours later she needed to put those words into

Mrs Clinton's London coffee

success either by most of the women "delegates" chosen to attend it or the right-wing British press who gave it almost as much critical press attention as her husband's speech on the unrepresentative bunch of left-

The guests, who included the Independent's associate editor Polly Toynbee, Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, Baroness Black-

spokeswoman in the Lords, and Georgina Henry, deputy editor of the Guardian, were unsure as to who had actually chosen them, or indeed why. Most were rung by US Embassy staff only the night before, and the maximum nouce was 48 hours.

Some, like Lola Bubbosh, the deputy editor of the Literary Review, thought there must be some mistake when they were told Mrs Clinton wanted to canvas the opinions of British women on British women's issues - Ms Bubbosh is American.

There was no written format to the meeting, and no obvious chair. After Mrs Clinton had met everybody individually - she

was introduced to Mrs Shep-hard first and, after enquiring what she did, commented: "That must be an important kicked off the discussion. Mrs Clinton said little throughout, "but" says one source "she nodded a lot".

Not all of Mrs Clinton's guests saw the point, however. "Most agenda of some kind, some purpose," said one unattributably. "But none of us knew where this discussion was going.

A spokesman for Mrs Clinton said the First Lady "does this

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kidnap charges A man appeared in court yes-terday charged with kidnapping two schoolgirls who went missing from their homes for

three days. The girls, 9 and 10, who cannot be named for legal reasons. were found alive and well by po-

napping the girls and with pos-sessing a .22 automatic pistol. He was also accused of poss cannabis worth £50,000 and amphetamines worth £90,000.

retary of State for Agriculture

Douglas Hogg, to tighten mad cow disease regulations after Professor Sir Bernard Tominson,

a leading brain scientist and

government advisor, wained that

bovine spongiform distepha-iopathy could be transmitted to

humans Labour's apriculture

spokesman, Gavin String, echoed his call for beef offai to

be banned from the food chain.

A North Sea oil rig painter who saw his configures perish in the Piper Alass, disester in 1988 lost his High Count diseases in 1988 lost his High Count diseases. Will-

iam Hegarty, 43, was aboard the support vessel which tried to aid

the rig as it was destroyed by ex-

'Cruel' HIV injection

A woman who injected her for-mer boyfriend with her own HIV-infected blood was jailed at

the Old Bailey for two years yes-terday - World Aids Day. Mrs

plosions; 167 people died.

Piper Alpha claim

'Mad cow' call Pressure mcreased on the Sec-

lice on Wednesday night. Andrew Breedon, 32, of Leicester, who was remanded in custody until 6 December at Leicester magistrates court, was charged with two counts of kid-

Medical breakthrough: Company's fresh approach to treatment of disease stirs interest of scientists and City Man in court on

New drug offers hope for cancer sufferers

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

The most effective cure for cancer is the surgeon's knife. A combination of surgery and radiotherapy ranks second in terms of effectiveness while chemotherapy - anti-cancer drugs - accounts for compart tively few cancer cures.

But surgery is effective only if the cancer cells have not spread around the body from the original tumour, in a process known as metastasis. O ace a cancer has metastasised, then

the prognosis is bleak. /
It is here, in preventing tumours from metastasising, that British Biotech's thew drug, Marimastat, offers most hope.

Dr Fran Balky all, principal scientist at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund said: "The long-term dream of this treatment is that you live with your cancer - you l'eep taking a pill and it doesn't spread. If your cancer is not spreading anywhere and not disrupting any visit in the spreading any visit is the spreading any visit in the spreading and the spreading any visit is the spreading and the tal function then it doesn't matter so imuch."
Dr Ball will emphasised that

while "it's very interesting scientifical by these are very early data. We can't say this is a new

According to Ann Barrett. profe ssor of oncology at Glasgow University, "although overall, rhemotherapy contributes in only a relatively small way to crures in cancer, a drug that crould stop metastasis would be f interest and could be used in conjunction with the effective local treatments we do have surgery and radiotherapy". Professor Barrett also emphasised that "it is too early to assess if these drugs are going to be use-

ful in clinical practice". Marimastar's other significant potential benefit to patients would be that it can be taken orally, possibly at home, rather than having to be injected in hospital. It also appears to have

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ist! Ig anti-cancer therapies. ck and kill fast dividing ells. Tumour cells grow quicky, but so does hair and the cells lining the gut - which is why people feel nauseated and sometimes their hair falls out during chemotherapy.

Professor Gordon McVie, director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said Mari-mastat is "an interesting drug because it's got a new target". The drug obstructs powerful en-zymes associated with tumours - matrix metalloproteases.

Dr Balkwill said that in epithelial caucers - for example those located on the lining of the gut wall - there is a thin wall of collagen that can prevent the tumour spreading but these enzymes are breaking it down. If the tumour is to spread, it needs these matrix metalloproteases and other enzymes to get into the blood and circulate. By concentrating on the body's mechanisms for con-taining the cancer rather than on killing tumour cells, Mari-mastat "has a completely dif-ferent line of attack", Dr

Balkwill said. British Biotech reported interim results on clinical trials of 94 patients with advanced colorectal, pancreatic, ovarian and prostate cancer. The company did not measure tumour shrink-

age directly, instead it used a surrogate measure - the concentration of "cancer antigens" in the patients' bloodstream. In 33 per cent of those taking the drug for 28 days, levels of antigen either fell or were stable. In a further 26 per cent of patients the levels rose but

treatment started. The company's research and year development director, Dr Peter Ti Lewis, said the tests needed to be completed before Marimastat was made available outside the company's trial programme. outfit and now Britain's biggest



Trial run: Pills being tested for dissolution at British Biotech's laboratory in Oxford

scrambles for the next Glaxo

British Biotech is the sort of company that gets the stockmarket its reputation for being little more than a casino. Its shares were worth just over £10 on Wednesday night, £15.50 by the close of trading on Thursday and £16.75 yesterday after touching £20.

One trade was reported at £25 at one point during the frenzy as investors scrambled to jump on the bandwagon - six much less quickly than before times as much as the shares sold for at the beginning of the

The question exercising everyone's mind in the City was whether this was the next Glaxo, once a tiny research

share dealers to make a profitable turn at someone else's ex-

On the face of it nothing had really changed at the company except that it had announced some relatively promising results from tests on cancer patients of a new drug called Marimastat. There was also the prospect of further results this weekend from tests on another drug, codenamed BB-10010, which prevents damage to the immune system during chemotherapy,

How then could the business be worth £500m one day and £750m the next? At the begin-ning of the year the market had assigned a value of only about company.

The reason is that the City is

ill-equipped to value businesses like British Biotech which have never made a profit -Thursday's comments on the progress of the Marimastat ts accompanied a loss for the first half of the year of over £10m. When it comes to the flourishing biotechnology sector its all about hope, the ultimate in what professional fund managers call blue sky invest-

Founded in 1986 when British Biotech's chief executive and chairman were made redundant from top research posts at a US drugs firm, Searle, the company gained a stock-market quotation in 1992, riding

company, or just another flash figure 200m to exactly the same a wave of interest in the sector, enon in the UK, the market's in the pan, hyped by spivyy company. eas in which Britain excels.

It is Britain's biggest biotechnology company, and as such the market's biggest hope in its quest for the next Glazo, the hugely successful drugs company that hit the headlines earlier this year when it took over Wellcome for a record £9bn.

Glazo brought enormous financial gains to shareholders who backed it 15 years ago before the launch of its blockbuster ulcer treatment, Zantac. Since the beginning of the 1980s the value of the company has soared a staggering 64 times so that it is now Britain's largest company by a wide margin,

worth more than £30bn. A relatively recent phenom-

Justice Steel told Rhena Ndag-ga, 25, who came from Uganda in 1993 seeking political asylum, that her crime was "deliberate calculating and cruel". ogy sector has a long tradition in the US where the larges Call to ban toy ads company Amgen was a 1980s Tony Banks, Labour MP for start up operation and is now valued at more than \$8bn Newham North West, tabled a (£5bn). For investors who pick Commons motion blaming war toys for brutalising boys and enthe right stock the rewards can couraging aggressive behaviour in adult life. He says television

be almost limitless. But British Biotech is also proof positive that when a company's shares are hyped so strongly in the City, the fall can be every bit as painful as the rise was exhilarating. Back in February, the company warned that tests on another cancer treatment, Batimastat, bad been delayed and the market responded savagely, wiping away a quarter of the company's value in a single day.

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'Exorcist' killed his fiancée

A self-styled exercist was jailed the dead in the name of Christ", Odegbami} but, as a result, she for six years yesterday for killing the Old Bailey was told. died from that treatment." mummified body in a tomb in

Fanatical religious cult leader Nicholas Sagunro, 27, of East Ham in London, believed his mission was to cure "those pos-sessed with demons and raise

that his fiancée, Mary Odegbami, was possessed by the devil, he helped to starve her, then force-fed her with "Holy Communion". Judge Richard Hawkins told Sagunro: "You had a duty to care for [Miss

carried a heavy black-leather Bible as he was led to the cells He had been convicted of manslaughter and false imprisonment at an earlier hearing, but remanded for reports. He denies the charges



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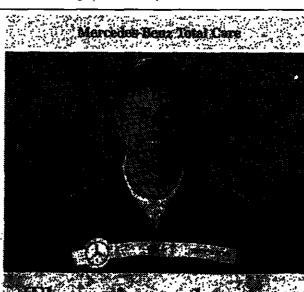
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Barings Bank collapse: Singapore could seek extradition of alleged collaborators in disgraced trader's grand deception

Leeson points finger at bosses in clemency deal

STEPHEN VINES Singapore

A number of senior executives at Barings Bank may face pros-ecution as a result of evidence given by the the former futures trader Nick Leeson in return for lenient treatment.

"The bosses knew something was amiss but took no action. Leeson's lawyer, John Koh, told the court in Singapore yesterday. He said Leeson's immediate bosses, Simon Jones and James Bax, were aware of the fact that Leeson was hiding the extent of his trading losses from Coopers and Lybrand, Barings' auditors, as were many

senior executives in London. Mr Jones and Mr Bax remain in Singapore, where their passports are held by the authorities. Both men have been closely questioned by the financial crimes unit which is in-

vestigating the Barings collapse. However, the most severe criticism in the Singaporean inspectors' report on the collapse is reserved for Peter Norris, the former chief executive officer of the Baring Investment Bank Group, who may face extradition from London.

petitors punished the bank for bility depends on trust in the its negligible controls and left Leeson with the responsibility of appearing before the court to rmine his punishment, said

Mr Koh. Leeson has no reason to pro-tect those who left him with this responsibility. It is clear that he will tell the authorities everything he knows about their role

in unlawful activity at Barings. Singapore needs his evidence because, as the independent inspectors' report - commissioned by the minister of finance - shows, there was little co-operation with either the Bank of England or senior Barings executives outside Singapore.

Leeson can fill in some of the gaps and be a witness with direct knowledge of events. This knowledge is the key to the bargain he has struck with the authorities in return for a reduced

Less important, but crucial. have been his lawyer's many references to Leeson's regret over having cast doubt on the im-partiality of Singapore's legal system. The government is determined to ensure that the Barings fall-out does not damage radition from London. the credibility of the island state as an international finan-

Even though Leeson has negotiated a deal for himself, it is clear that he was involved in criminal acts which went beyond simple financial manipulation.

Lawrence Ang, who led the prosecution's case in the trial. described in detail some of the ingenious ways in which Leeson hid the extent of his losses and managed to trick Barings' auditors into believing that his losses did not exist.

At the end of January 1995. Leeson was having trouble ex-plaining the loss of 7.8bn yen (£50m), which he had tried to disguise by alleging that an American customer would be paying this sum back to Barings. However there was no cus-

tomer and there was no more cash (although Leeson forged letters from the customer stating that the cash would be paid). As the auditors closed in, he devised a plan to transfer the missing money from one Barings bank account to another, before swiftly moving it back to the account to which it be-

Inged.

The purpose of this subterfuge was to obtain documentary evidence that the

Cutting his losses: Nick Leeson arriving by prison van for yesterday's hearing at which he admitted two charges

showed the payment, also showed the transfer, so Leeson set about cutting and pasting the bank statement to remove references to the transfer.

The cut and pasted statement was then photocopied and

Lecson's desk.

Meanwhile Leeson had identified the weak link in the re- exchange's computer, which porting system of the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex), which required futures traders to maintain a re-

However, the statement which original collage was found in to protect the exchange against be in balance, therefore allowdefault. He saw that it was possible to key a false trade into the had no means of knowing whether it had actually been transacted. Once this was done the false Barings client's account

ing Barings to recover almost \$115m (£75m) of its money held as security with Simex at a time when it was falling into deeper and deeper debt.

As for Leeson himself, he too is in debt, according to Mr making the loss could be said to Koh. He now has no assets, only

liabilities. The proceeds from his forthcoming book will go to the lawyers in Britain. Germany and Singapore, as well as his

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agent and ghost write. Mr Koh said Leeson (made no profit from his reckless's unauthorised trading, he was simply

Watford's different class of banker City panic changed to disbelies

MARY BRAID

From council house in downtown Watford to Singapore Britain's oldest merchant bank. claimed, was a sensible lad. He slayer of the Queen's bank - the class chasm between Nick Lecson and Barings was almost as ent profiles. At the local tances in Singapore said Leeson central to the story as the lost Parmiters School they were was arrogant and flash. At work

Singapore police and renancial markets. At home his Harry, a plasterer, and his three younger brothers and sisters - before joining Barings in 1990. shed. In an interview with David younger brothers and sisters - In 1992 he married Lisa. Frost he played down the "ex-

were also being pursued to When the news broke his

From Watford and Singapore emerged two very differstunned by the former prebroke, rocking the world's fi- A-level maths proved no obstacle to a career in banking. He shell-shocked family - his father left school to work for Coutts

provide a picture of the work- stunned father-in-law Alex ing-class boy who broke Simms was loyal. Nick, he was sure he was innocent. But colleagues and acquain-

he was regarded as a miracle fect's new-found notoriety. Nick worker, the man who took risks porters chased Leeson to was remembered as "quiet" and could not lose. "He seemed Malaysia after the scandal dependable and steady. Failing to be able to move markets," remembered one fellow trader.

The cocky trader image was one Leeson sought hard to

lifestyle and reports of luxury apartments and personal yachts.

Leeson was reeled back in to Singapore it was the arrogant Nick - broad grin under the reversed baseball cap - that reappeared. But surely the othuation must have long sunk cial business - are we next? home and Singaporean justice will not look lightly on a man it considers to have damaged the squeaky-clean image of its financial centre.

Financial Editor

Last month, however, when The Barings catastrophe provoked panic among City in-vestment banks, But they were less worried that others would be brought low by the contagion of collapse, than suffering an er Nick was hiding beneath the eruption of the fear that stalks hubris. For the horror of his sit- every high-risk taking finan-

> Barings collapsed not just because a young trader halfway across the world bet more than twice the capital of the bank on hare-brained derivatives spec-

ulation, but because Barings' entire risk management system

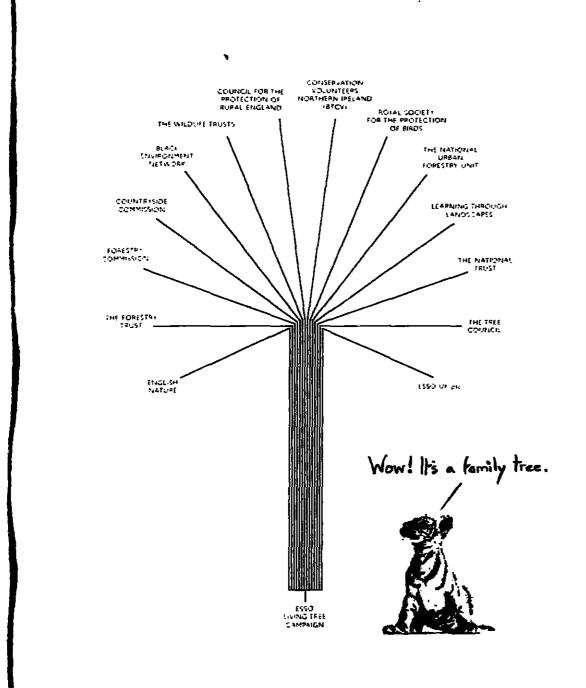
failed to spot what was going on. The big trading houses spend fortunes on sophisticated computer technology and specialist departments whose vital daily task is to monitor and control the risks involved, as billions of ensure that no single trader steps out of line.

Suddenly, every bank felt terribly vulnerable. "Just days after the Barings collapse we had to present ourselves to the Barclays board and explain how this

just could not happen here, "says about how Barings collapse Graham Newall, chief executive the less threatening it appears of futures at BZW, Barclays investment bank. "We really believed that, but when we came back, we had to put our hands on our hearts and say, how can

management at another City investment bank. "There was a gapore authorities painted a frenzied rush to make sure that garish picture of rampant manevery bankers worst nightmare could not happen here."

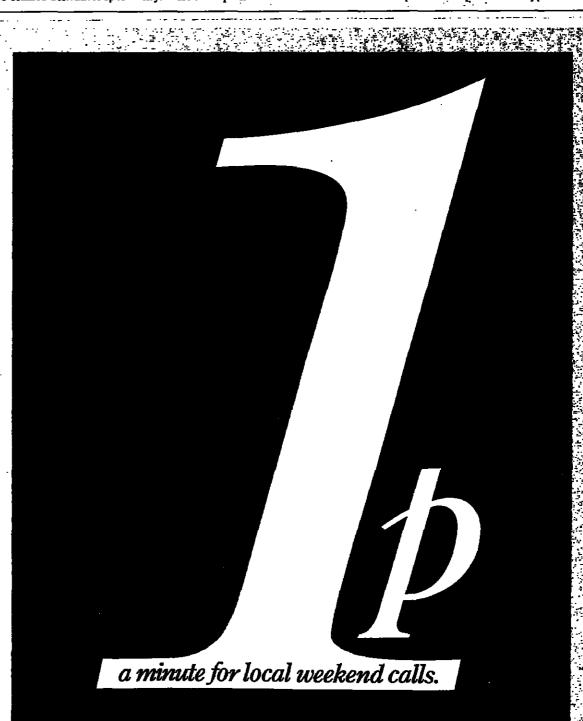
the less threatening it appeare for other finance houses. Even to this day, senior bankers in the City shake their heads in utter disbelief at how Britain's oldest merchant bank managed to run a securities business with such "Nobody slept well in the a total lack of the most rudipounds change hands, and to ensure that no single trader ings," said the head of risk both the Bank of England's inagerial arrogance and incompetence, which Nick Leeson





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Intensive care bed shortage 'causing deaths'

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More than 3,000 deaths could be averted each year if we had the standards of intensive care found in the United States,

doctors said yesterday.
While the US currently spends £144 per head of population on intensive care, the United Kingdom spends only £5.90. France (£54), Japan (£44) and New Zealand (£26) are all bigger spenders than Britain and doctors yesterday called for the number of intensive-care

For the last two and a half years South West Thames Re-gional Health Authority has been collecting data or more than 10,000 patients admitted to intensive care units (ITUs), including their clinical freatment and the subsequent outcome. This was compared with data on 20,000 patients in the US. Presenting the findings at a

press conference in London yesterday, Dr David Bennett, reader in intensive dare medicine at St George's Hospital Medical School in Boting, south-west London, said that the patients in his survey hijd a severity-of-illness score that was about 10 per cent higher than their US counter-parts. However, they spent about

nt less time in ITUs and ent less in hospital. tality rates were also 20 nt higher than in the US. nett estimated that 200 to 50 more people in his region d than would have done if they id been treated in America. Between 1 and 2 per cent of

hospital beds in Britain are for intensive care, compared with 5 per cent in Canada, Australia. the US and most of northern Dr David Bahari, a former consultant in intensive care at Guy's Hospital in south London who now works in St George's Hospital in New South Wales,

Australia, told the conference:
"We demonstrated that there were 2.2 ITU beds per 100,000 [population] in England compared with 5.3 beds per 100,000 in New South Wales. We are not talking about a small difference. We are talking about a 100 per cent or greater difference." Last February, doctors carried out a major telephone survey of

tensive-care beds. They concluded that in the event of a major disaster hospitals there would be unable to cope.

hospitals across the country. In

the area within the M25 they

found only eight available in-

last month found that although intensive care beds have increased by 6 per cent since last February, the occupancy rate is still running at 90 per cent, which does not allow sufficient margin. Some hospitals are still having to refuse admission to critically ill patients.

Dr Bennett said a hospital in Birmingham had refused admission to 12 patients in three days: "Even if the number of beds was substantially increased, the specialist staff just aren't there ... Surveys which we carried out in January and November of this year confirm that units have had to close some of their beds due to the absence of trained intensive-care nursing staff."

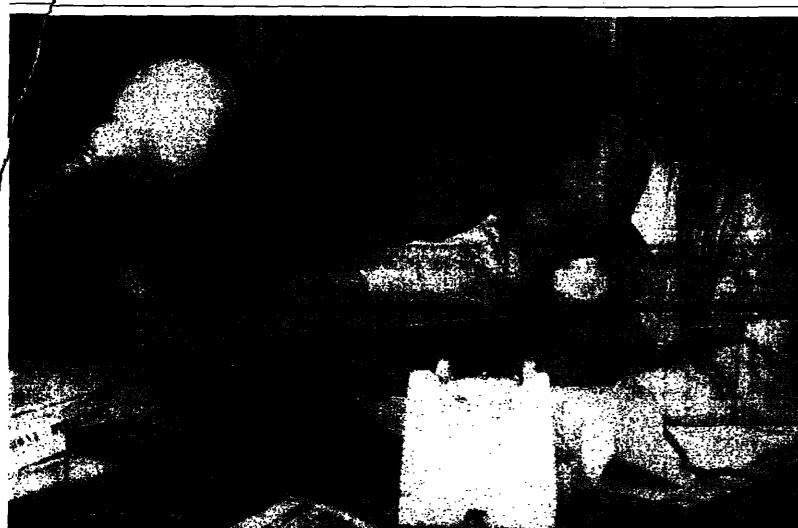
He and Dr Bahari urged the Department of Health to instigate long-term planning for the number of intensive-care beds training programme for doctors.

Dr William Sibbald, head of

critical-care medicine at the University of Western Ontario warned at the conference: "People don't want to plan for tragedies. But you have a stake in this. There is a strong likelihood you will need an intensive care unit in the future. Making sure it's there is an important A similar survey carried out responsibility for us all.

Tory women's conference: PM rallies troops with endorsement of Chancellor





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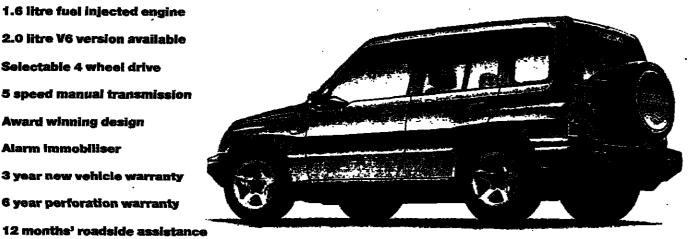
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Major declares pride in 'rewards' of the Budget

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Kenneth Clarke's Budget was the fairest way of giving people back a growing share of their own money, John Major declared yesterday in an effort to rally his party behind the Chan-

In the closing address to the Conservative Women's Conerence to London; the Prime Minister went opeto challenge Labour to support yesterday plans for pilot workfare schemes, almost every cause Shephard, Secretary of State for

Education and Employment. Mr Major sprang to the defence of Mr Clarke in the wake of barely concealed disap-pointment by some Tory backbenchers that he had not gone

Declaring he was "prond" of the Budget, Mr Major said: "I read all the pre-Budget options: Bribe people; take risks; don't worry about the long

term' ... I've heard it all my life, and I tell you this, I won't do it." The Budget would "reward those millions of our citizens help to build the economic success we now enjoy by giving back to people, in as fair a way as we could devise, a growing share of

their own money ... widening the bands, cutting the basic

rate, and introducing a new,

lower, 20 per cent rate on sav-

Mr Major said the workfare scheme, under which those who refuse an on offer of work experience will lose some or all of their benefit, was an example of "how we develop long term policies to deal with long term problems - and then take real

David Blunkett, Labour's edspokesman, said the Government's £10m scheme would be

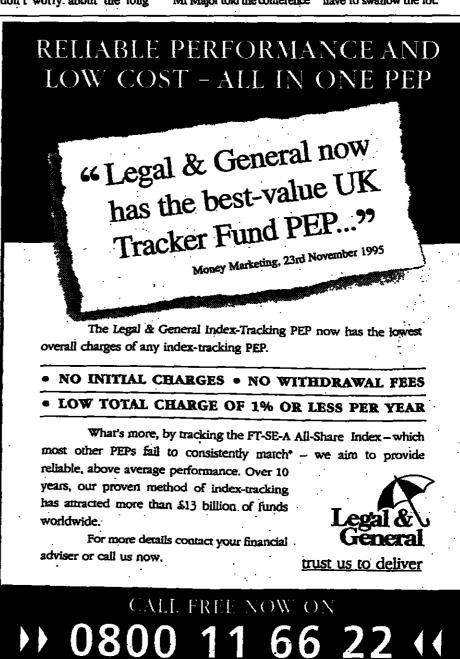
more likely to result in people going back on welfare at the end than getting a permanent job. Mr Major told the conference

that Labour approached every problem with a flapping chequebook. They hold the pen, but it's your chequebook

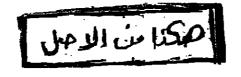
"Spending more means only one thing. They would have to put up taxes. It's as simple as that. Without higher taxes, Labour's sums don't add up." Turning to Europe, Mr Major declared that a speech by

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, on Thursday had "misled the country". Mr Blair said Labour would never be "isolated" in Europe. "If I had never been isolated, Britain would now be in the Social Chapter, losing jobs instead of gaining investment."

Mr Blair was "plain wrong" on the Social Chapter, he added. "He made out that it was ucation and employment like a buffet lunch ... pick and mix, choose only what you like ... The Social Chapter is a mechanism, a means to an end. On much of it, there's no veto. No picking and choosing. You



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threatening to kill wife with knife

REBECCA FOWLER

David Ashby, the Tory MP, denied to a libel jury yesterday that he threatened to kill his wife with a carving knife, and accused her of being obsessed with media attention following the exposure of the failure of their

marriage. Mr Ashby, MP for Leicestershire North West, also denied he threatened to set his wife, Silvana, on fire with a cigarette lighter and dismissed allegations he picked up a knife to attack her when she visited his home in Leicester, where he was stay-

ing with a male friend.

"She was coming at me and attacking me, and I pushed her away," Mr Ashby said. "She phoned the police, and I was horrified by that. She'd been standing there saying 'help, help, he's attacking me'."

Mr Ashby burst into tears at the High Court on the fifth day of giving evidence in his libel case against the Sunday Times and Andrew Neil, its former editor, following allegations that he is homosexual.

As Mr Ashby, 55, recalled the day in January 1993 when the newspaper published the article, which alleged Silvana Ash-by, 52, his Italian wife, was furious he had left her and moved to live close to another man, he broke down.

"It was absolutely dreadful, I had no control over it," Mr Ashby said. "It was my wife on one hand alternating between rages ... the press hummering at the door, the telephone ringing, the pack howling at the gates."

Bur Mr Ashby said when he asked his daughter Alex, 27, to Mrs Ashby lost her temper again. He claimed she did not want a friend of Alex's, Suzie, to pick her up from the airport because it would divert atten-

tion from her. "She said all they wanted to do was grab the limelight, arrive in a taxi and prance in front of the cameras," Mr Ashby said.
"My wife seemed obsessed by

Although Mr Ashby agrees he shared a double bed in a French château hotel with Dr Ciaran Kilduff, 32, his neighbour in Putney, south-west London, he denied that they shared each other's beds there and dismissed allegations they had homosexual relations.

Richard Hartley QC, for the Sunday Times, said it would be unrealistic to say how intimate the men were, but it was a homosexual relationship.

You and Dr Kilduff shared a degree of physical intimacy as part of your homosexual affection for each other, and in pursuance of the homosexual affair," Mr Hartley said. "It could have been kissing and

Mr Ashby later claimed he did not spend a night at Dr Kilduff's flat because he was tending to the family dogs.

When Mr Hartley accused Mr Ashby of sending a blackmail letter to his wife, telling her not to give evidence at the trial, he broke down in tears again, and claimed he was protectine his wife's dignity.

"What is the world thinking of my wife now, in the press all the time," he said. "I tried to speak to her. I didn't want it to

The case continues.

MP denies | Leah Betts' funeral hears of father's pride and love



The father of Leah Betts, who died last month after taking an cestasy tablet on her 18th birthday, paid tribute to his "pretty little ship" at her funeral service

yesterday.
In a moving address at Christ Church in Latchingdon, Essex, Paul Betts spoke of his pride and love for his daughter and

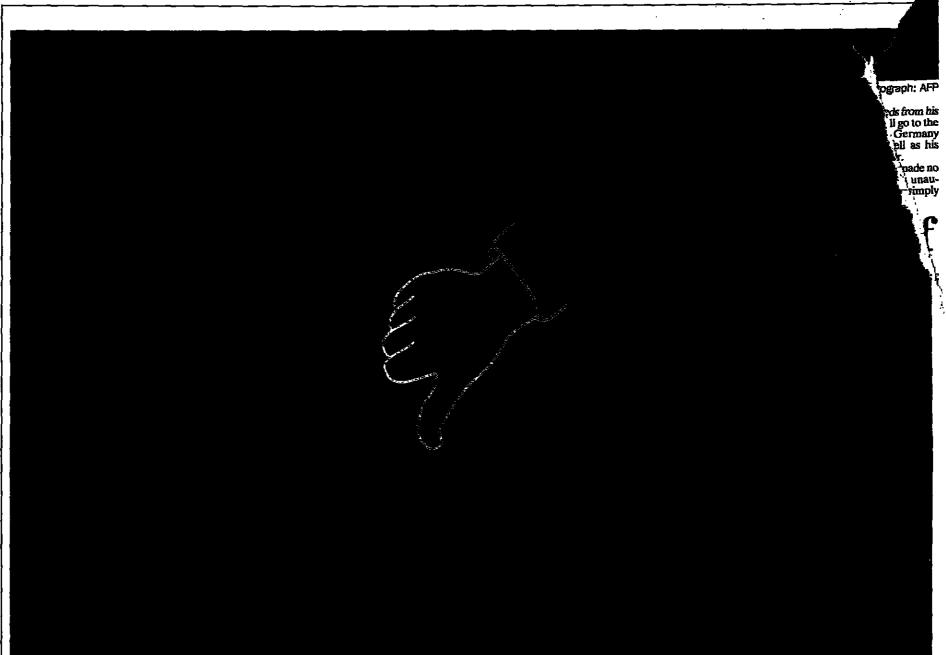
described how he taught her

how to deal with the world. Comparing himself to a ship's captain the former policeman said: "He thought that he had prepared the little ship for anything that the sea could throw at it ... he trusted it with all his heart and believed that wherever it went it would return safely.

"All of a sudden a gigantic wave lifted the little ship into the air and tossed it on to jagged rocks ... His little ship was lost and would never again sail the

sea," he said. Family, friends and dozens of teenagers were among the con-gregation. Many stood outside the church, listening to service taken by the Rev Don Gordon

broadcast on speakers. Leah was later buried alongside her mother. Dorothy, at ! Mary Magdelen church Great Burstead, Essex.



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STEPHEN GOODWIN

With the first snow having already fallen on the Scottish hills, the British Mountaineering Council took pre-emptive action vesterday, pointing out the pleasures and pitfalls of its sport before the inevitable crop of winter accidents.

A good winter in mountaincering terms - a decent cover of snow and ice and the weather to get out on it - will mean more deaths. Past statisties suggest that about 20 mountaineers will be killed in the Highlands this winter.

Just as predictably, their deaths will be followed by calls for a ban on climbers taking to the hills in "bad" weather, for compulsory rescue insurance and for certificates of compe-

The BMC rejects all such restrictions. For the mountaineer the most important freedom is to be able to take risks," said Doug Scott, the council's vicepresident, a man who has courted the line edge for decades from the Highlands to the Himalayas and suffered serious

"Those reacting in knee-jerk lashion to highly publicised mountaineering accidents have simply failed to see that there is a success story writ large over our hills every winter, when thousands of walkers and elimbers safely and competently deal with all the hazards of the British climbing fraterand enjoy the freedom of the mountains." Mr Scott said. Contrary to the winter crop

of newspaper headlines, statis-tics suggest that the number of incidents is falling as a proportion of the increasing numbers taking to the hills for recreation. The proportion of incidents

resulting in fatalities has also fall-

en, partly as a result of better protective clothing stopping peo-

ple simply freezing to death. Nonetheless the risk is real enough. In the winter months of 1994 (January to April and October to December) on Lochnagar, a popular winter climbing area south of Braemar in the Grampians, there were 63 incidents with 15 deaths. In the first three months of this year there were two deaths in 16 incidents.

Though the image of winter mountaineering is of a climber with ice axes and crampons on a desperate ice face, by far the commonest cause of accidents is a simple slip or stumble, of ten while descending on easy ground, In winter, avalanches become the second greatest cause. The statistics reinforce the BMC's case that there is no such thing as winter hill walking only winter mountaineering. Yesterday's London press

briefing, supported by Chris Bonington, president-elect of the Alpine Club, and Ian Me-Naught-Davis, president of the world body for mountaineering (UIAA), was intended to put the risk into perspective, counter the calls of "misguided and alarmist politicians" for regulation, and emphasise the need for climbers to hone their winter skills.

The BMC represents clubs with a combined membership of some 35,000 - perhaps a third nity. Its president, Paul Nunn, was killed in the Karakorams, Pakistan, in August.

However perverse it might seem to the non-practitioner. the vast majority of climbers share the view of Mr Mc-Naught-Davis: "If you extract the risk from climbing there wouldn't be a sport at all."

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Raid hits trade in endangered species

Seized medicines allegedly made from parts of tigers, rhino, bears and tortoises. Louise Jury reports



Trade war: One of the packets of seized Chinese medicines Photograph: Edward Sykes

Chinese medicines allegedly made from parts of tigers, rhinoceroses, bears and tortoises were being tested yesterday after detectives seized large quantities in a raid on a warehouse.

Officers investigating the il-legal trade in endangered ecies raided the west London rehouse, described as the of a "small airport hangar", second prong of an of-

against the trade. * Torry-load of products Toway for analysis afd, which was carried aursday at the same police questioned susappliers in Hong Kong. manager has been reof the Convention on Inconal Trade of Endan-

J Species (Cites) to which

ain is a signatory.

The move follows an operation in February when products from threatened animals were seized from shops in London, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands. Two London shop-owners were fined £3,000 and £2,000 respectively and ordered to pay costs.

Inspector John Francis, the Metropolitan Police's senior wildlife officer, and PC Dave Cove said they believed the warehouse was a major suppli-er for the south-east of England.

The valuable raw animal products, such as bear bile and tiger bone, sell for up to £200 an ounce, making the haul worth thousands.

Wildlife organisations, which have been consulted about the Metropolitan Police initiative, codenamed Operation Charm,

Bobbie Jo Kelso, of Traffic, which monitors the trade in co-operation with the Cites Secretariat, said: "We're really pleased that things were found because we think every item counts. But we're particularly pleased that a lot less was found than in February."
The world-wide trade was "absolutely huge" but it appeared that traders in Britain

Lucy Farmer, of the World-wide Fund for Nature (WWF), said it was good that police were taking the problem seriously. This illegal trade is threatening animals, like tigers, with minent extinction. Unless the trade can be stopped, there is no future for animals like

were deciding the police oper-ation made it not worth the risk,

she said.

Animal cures: their origins and claims made for them Rimo ham allegedly lift Pageshil Tea and Chi-nese Old Man, list seized this week. Part of seige hom is used to reat convulsions, Rhino hom is a valuable ingredient is traditional Chinese What it and other complain used to treat many Tresses, particularly Resses, paracomy for-reducing fevers and stroless Research on the pharmacological characteristics less shown evidence of tever-reducing Total population now around 11000 including tewer than 100 Javan and 500 Sugatran: In 1970, black thinos may have numbered 65,000 in sub-Saharan Africa tense pressure from and were the most numerous of the five species Today, cuty product 2 500 serving

in 4,000 years of tradition, but growing Western interest in alternative medicines has increased the threat to animal and

included some using the root and seed pods of a rare orchid not previously known to environmental investigators for its

or keep for sale products on the Cites banned lists, but also any purporting to contain them even if they do not. Many of the er stating: "No medical claims products taken from the ware-

description of what they do. Where they have one, they have been covered with a stick-

'Pay beds' yield the NHS £300 profit per patient

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The National Health Service is making a profit of almost £300 for each private patient it treats, money that can be ploughed back into treating more NHS patients, according to the first detailed independent study of whether the NHS is subsidising private patients or making monev from them.

Even if "hidden" costs are taken into account - the cost to the public sector of training doctors and nurses, unexpected

care, and loss of consultants' time to the NHS - pay-bed units are still making an average profit of £235 a case, the study Multiplied up across all pay-

bed activity, that is enough to keep a 250-bed NHS acute hospital in business, according to David Cavers, managing director of Norwich Union Healthcare, which sponsored the study.

The study was carried out by National Economic Research

Associates, an independent firm

of consultants, who examined

tals whose pay beds accounted for an 11 per cent sample of dedicated pay-bed units. Although a sample survey, it

represents the most detailed examination yet of whether the NHS gains financially or not from treating private patients. Independent hospitals - with which pay-bed units are in direct

competition - have long argued that the NHS subsidises private patients. And yesterday the Independent Healthcare Association underlined that stance by calling for proper regulation of

sudited accounts of private care. The study comes as the NHS hospitals have to make.

is taking an increasing share now up to 15 per cent - of the private-patient market at the expense of private and independent hospitals. With extra pay beds forming part of many of the new private finance deals, that share is likely to grow.

Most of the pay-bed units overestimated the "profit" they made, according to NERA's study. None the less, their average revenue was £1,710 per private patient, and their average

the return on capital which the

That £310 surplus should be adjusted down to allow for jumor doctors' time, the study says - an estimated cost of £19. That left a financial surplus of £290 per patient.

In a more pessimistic scenario, NERA says, a further £56 should be knocked off to allow for lost consultant time (£12). unplanned intensive care (£8), training of nurses (£24) and training of doctors (£12). That still left a £235 surplus.

ly profitable. Their surplus, after allowing for junior doctors' time, ranged from £30 to £690, but all made a surplus.

The average gain of £290 per patient, "would represent around £170,000 for each £1m of private patient revenue, the study concludes.

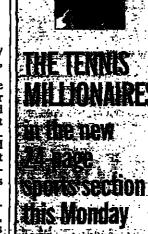
Pay beds may well be more profitable than private hospitals in part because their occupancy rates are higher at 60 per cent, against 53 per cent for pri-vate hospitals. Shared facilities with the NHS - use of operat-

ing theatres, for example - may also provide economies of scale, the study says.

The Independent Healthcare

Association yesterday called for a moratorium on new pay-bed units until NHS private-patient activity was properly audited. The association also queried whether the use of government funds to allow the NHS to compete against private hospitals

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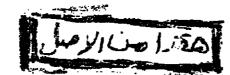
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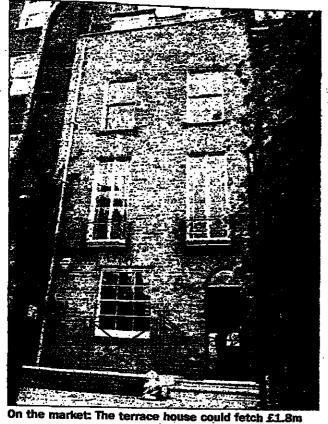
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Commissioned by the Tennant family, designed by the architect of Annabel's and photographed for Vogue by Norman Parkinson. number 23 St Leonard's Terrace, Cheisea, could easily have challenged Centrepoint for listing as an architectural symbol of the Sixties. The building and the people who passed through it represented the Chelsea jetset - as it was then called - in the way Bloomsbury stood for

The house is one of a row of listed Georgian terraces overlooking Sir Christopher Wren's Royal Hospital in west London. James Tennant needed the help of Sir Hugh Casson, then president of the Royal Academy, to negotiate planning permission for its redevelopment in 1969.

He commissioned the decorator John Fowler, of Colefax and Fowler fame, to pull out the interior and rebuild it as a contemporary home, and Fowler in turn brought in the distinguished architect Philip Jebb. who carried out work for the Duke and Duchess of Devon-

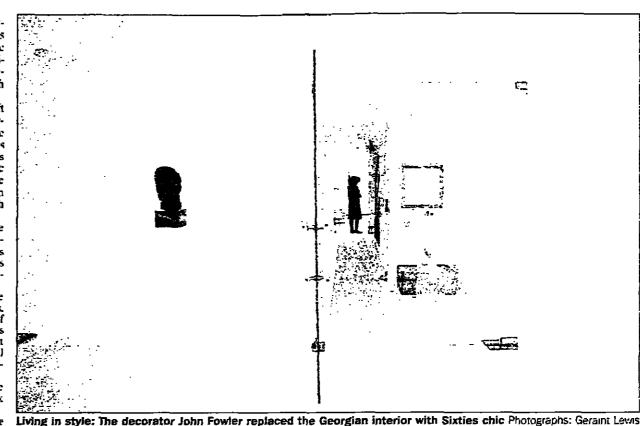
shire and designed the Gorillarium at John Aspinall's Howletts Zoo. This was despite Jebb's reputation as a traditionalist and Fowler's name being inextricably linked with

The house was built on a 70ft steel frame with a central staircase of glass, marble, chrome and brass. A 20ft window forms part of the double cube glass dining room at the back. The 50ft marble hall are made from

But the house is not a shrine to the Sixties. It features furniture by Le Corbusier as well as Anthony Redmile and one of its three gardens is in the 17th cen-tury Italianate style. The house, which has five

bedrooms and three bathrooms. is now being sold on behalf of Elizabeth Edwards, James Tennant's widow, by Knight Frank and Rutley, Russell Simpson and Berkeley International for £1.8m.

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Former judge renews attack on Howard

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> Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday stuck firmly to his plans for automatic life sentences for repeat violent and sexual offenders after Lord Donaldson, the former Master of the Rolls, attacked the Gov-ernment as "despotic". Home Secretary's party confer-ence speech unveiling the plans.

> Defending his "two strikes and you're out" proposal that would impose mandatory life sentences for such offenders, Mr proposal for minimum sentences Howard insisted on BBC for burglars and hard drug deal-Radio 4's *Today* programme: ers would still allow judges to "The purpose of this proposal waive the minimum sentence in is to give the public that greater protection by ensuring that those who commit serious sexual or violent offences for a second time are not released until some assessment is made of the judge is being told by Parliament risk to the public. At the moment, if they don't get a life sentence, they are released even when everybody knows they

> stili constitute a risk." A source close to the Home secretary said Mr Howard reagreement was "a narrow one". mained confident that his proposal had public backing because the Parole Board would always assess risk to the cians in the work of judges. He public before releasing a pris-oner who had served the "tariff set by the judge at the time which was triggering a consti-of sentencing. "When you are tutional crisis. Lord Taylor has dealing with a second-time also attacked the proposals for violent offender, are people automatic life sentences.

really arguing that the risk to the public of releasing him shouldn't be considered?" the source said.

The proposal for judges to set prisoners was spelled out in private discussions between Mr Howard and Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, prior to the

The Home Secretary is also said to have made clear that the "three strikes and you're out' exceptional circumstances.

But Lord Donaldson insisted yesterday: "What wornes me is any extension in mandatory life sentences where in effect the that they must hand over sentencing to the Home Secretary.

Mr Howard said there was no question of transferring sentencing powers to the Government and that the area of dis-

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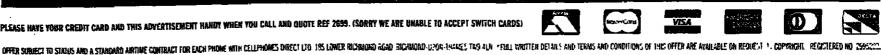
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France at a standstill: Franc battered by eighth day of stoppages and protests against Chirac's welfare reforms

Strikers invade the runways at Orly

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

France's worst labour unrest since 1986 spread to Orly airport in Paris yesterday when 200 Air France ground personnel occupied two runways, stopping planes from landing and halt-ing domestic and transatlantic departures. It was the first time that air traffic had been disrupted since public-sector workers and students launched a wave of strikes and demonstrations eight days ago in protest at the government's rlar: to reform the welfare

state and curb state spending. "France needs to work. Our economy is still convalescent. The government is determined to carry out the reforms it has announced, because it is a question of survival," the gov-ernmen! pokesman, Alain Lamasse are, said in a statement warning that many companies would start to lay off workers if

the strikes continued. President Jacques Chirac's government must implement its austerity programme if France is to reduce its budget deficit sufficiently to meet the Maastricht treaty's conditions for joining a single European currency in 1999. French stocks and bonds slumped yesterday and the franc fell a centime to 3.4625 to the Mark as financial markets weighed the impact of the strikes on France's chances of meeting the criteria on time. Even before dawn, the Paris

sought a way round the strikes paralysing public-transport systems. The state rail network was almost completely shut down, there were no buses or Métro services in the capital, and thousands of Parisians cycled, roller-

skated and walked to work. The social unrest turned violent on Thursday night when about 30 people were injured in clashes in Paris and the western city of Nantes between riot police and youths throwing stones and petrol bombs. The clashes broke out on the fringes of protests organised by students who are demanding more resources for underfunded, overcrowded universities.

Employees in the education and health sectors are set to join the strikes on Monday, along with tax officials, customs staff and workers in the telecommunications industry. Unions at the Bank of France have called out its 20,000 staff for a two-day strike next Thursday and Friday.

Government officials said they had no intention yet of mobilising the army to help Parisians overcome the transport strikes. During a similar crisis in 1988, the authorities used 350 army trucks to take people around the city.

With the strikes breaking out so close to Christmas, Mr Chirac and his Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, may be calculating that public exasperation will increase to the point where

jams that extended for more pelled to call off their protests. The President has the power to dissolve the National Assembly and call a snap election or refcrendum on his policies, but his aides say such extreme action is unnecessary at the moment,

Government officials say that, while it may be possible to make more money available for universities, there must be no watering down of the plans announced by Mr Juppé last month for a fundamental overhaul of the social-security system. The system pays for health care, pensions and family allowances and, like the SNCF state railway network, is buried under a mountain of debt.

The government's aim is to restore order to the public fi-nances so that the budget deficit falls to 4 per cent of Gross Domestic Product next year and 3 per cent in 1997, enabling France to qualify for European monetary union. But the government's ability to meet these targets depends on the accuracy of its predictions for economic growth, and most economists believe these are too optimistic.

The government has forecast 2.9 per cent growth this year and 2.8 per cent in 1996, but few independent economists believe that growth will exceed 2.5 per cent this year and 2 per cent in 1996. The latest strikes are certain to weaken the economy by depressing output and could even result in a contraction of GDP for the last quarter of 1995. All this means that the gov-



still tougher austerity measures to meet its budget-deficit targets, a policy that runs the risk of provoking even more extensive labour unrest. "The ernment may have to announce risk remains that the austerity at Salomon Brothers.

package will depress private spending more than expected, making deficit reduction even more difficult," said Jean-François Mercier, an economist

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France's determination to per cent. Mr Chirac won the meet the Maastricht condi- election on a pledge to make tions and launch the single job creation his priority, but switched course in late October

plies delaying an assault on un-employment, currently at 11.5 discipline.

China slams Patten as 'big spender'

STEVE CRAWSHAW London and TERESA POOLE

Britain took the unusual step of summoning the acting Chinese ambassador after the Communists had complained that the British Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, had allowed welfare spending in the colony to rise too high.

Mr Patten was always known as a political "wet" in the Conservative Party. But even he probably never expected a shades-of-Thatcher attack from such an unlikely quarter. After all, Mr Patten last hit the headlines in Britain with a speech saying that Western governments should scale back public spending and follow the example of East Asian economies - such as

Hong Kong.
Chen Zuo'er, head of the budget team working with Britain on the colony's 1997 handover to China, described Mr Patten as a "big dictator". Britain responded by summouing the Chinese chargé d'affaires in London, Wang Qi Liang, for a diplomatic slap on the wrist.

Mr Chen had declared: "Since the arrival of this Goyernor, welfare spending has suddenly become a Formula One car. If it runs at the present speed, for not too long, it will crash and kill. On board this car are 6 million people [in Hong Kong]." Mr Patten, he said, was "a big dictator" who was "not qualified to speak".

Andrew Burns, Deputy Un-der-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, expressed concern "at behaviour which could be construed as interference with the promised level of autonomy for Hong Kong". He objected to "personal abuse of the Governor which was unacceptable to the British Government".

The Chinese embassy issued a statement which noted that Mr Patten was the "plempotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen", and that the Chinese government and officials "are clear about and respect" this position.

After the summoning of Mr Wang, British officials sought to play down the mini-drama, in-sisting that this was "not a re-buke". It was, however, "unhelpful [for the Chinese] to start rocking the boat".

In reacting to remarks by a middle-ranking official, Britain is serving notice that Peking must respect Hong Kong's au-tonomy as a future "Special Administrative Region" of China After June 1997, when Hong Kong reverts to China, policies such as welfare spending are supposed to be decided by the Hong Kong government and legislature, not Peking, under the "one country, two systems" principle. A furious Mr Patten retorted this week: "People should leave us to drive our own car." Hong Kong officials yester-

day suggested that the British

expression of displeasure was welcome, but belated. "It's about time. There's been too lit-

tle of that," one official said. Peking is convinced Britain wants Hong Kong to spend as much money as possible before 1997, and plans to leave its excolony with heavy budget com-mitments. Mr Chen said that welfare spending had surged by two-thirds over the past five years. He criticised one Hong Kong official's pledge that wel-



'Big dictator': Chris Patten, **Governor of Hong Kong**

fare would reach "First World" levels over the next five years. This latest row follows alarm in the colony about reports that China plans to set up a shadow. government for Hong Kong before 1997, in a bid to influence policy and undermine the existing administration.

Hong Kong has an ageing population, which is putting greater strain on public spend ing. But over the past decade, economic growth has also made more resources available.

Kay Ku Yin-kay, the acting director of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, said welfare spending was only 1.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product and added: "Such a wealthy society as Hong Kong can afford it." In China, by contrast, people have seen their former welfare safety net swiftly eroded over the past decade as economic reform has shattered the old "iron rice bowl" cradle-

to-grave welfare system. Hong Kong officials argued yesterday that "Peking's bark is sometimes worse than its bite". and that the rude tone should not necessarily be seen as a harbinger of things to come.

The message from China to Hong Kong's civil servants was clear, one official said. "They're saying: 'In future, we're your masters'." Even from Peking's point of view, this may be a dangerous form of brinkmanship. China can scarcely want Hong Kong's civil servants to desert

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CHILDING OF WAR

Soldiers arrested over bomb attack

Boenos Aires - The Argentine authorities raided the country's largest military base and arrested about a dozen people. including several soldiers, in connection with the 1994 carbomb attack on a Jewish cultural centre in which 86 people were killed. Local media said the raid on the Campo de Mayo harracks, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, was ordered after arms caches were found near

Aids test conviction Koblenz - A court in Germany convicted three executives of the UB Plasma company and a laboratory assistant of distributing shoddily tested blood products, infecting at least three people with the HIV virus, which causes Aids.

Author acquitted

Istanbul - A Turkish security court acquitted Yasar Kemai one of the country's best-known authors, who was charged with "provoking hatred and enmity" in an article for *Der Spiegel* mag-azine in Germany. In it he accused the authorities of "a campaign of lies" to hide systematic oppression, particular-ly of the Kurds. Reuser

Aid for dissidents Cairo - King Hussein of Jordan

has promised to help exiled Iraqi dissidents try to topple Saddam Hussein, but urged them to unite first, Iraqi oppo-sition leaders say. AP

Aristide to marry

Port-au-Prince - Haiti's President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the priest-turned-politician who outraged the Vatican with his fiery activism, has made another breach with his religious past: He says he is getting married. He did not name his fiancée nor the date of the wedding, but sources said his future bride is Mildred Trouillot, a Haitian-American lawyer who works in the Haitian Embassy in

Castro dons suit

Peking - The Cuban president, Fidel Castro, shed his military fatigues in favour of a dark suit to talk business with the Chinese Prime Minister, Li Peng. Mr Castro also greeted Mr Li with a simple handshake, eschewing the old-style socialist bear hug with which he greeted the Chi nese Communist Party chief and President, Jiang Zemin, on

Strike at 'Liberation'

Paris - The French daily Liberation, once the cult newspaper of a generation of left-wingers, plans to shed a quarter of its staff next year in a fresh attempt to stem losses. The newspaper's journalists, who would bear two-thirds of the 95 redundancies, have called a strike on Monday to oppose the proposed cuts.

New smoking bans

Singapore - Singapore, which already had the toughest antismoking laws in Asia, has tightened them further. Lighting up is now banned in air-conditioned shopping malls, pedestrian underpasses and outdoor public places where two or more people stand in queues, such as bus stops.

Second panda birth

Peking - Qingqing, a 19-yearold resident of the Giant Panda Research Center in China's Fujian province, has given birth for the second year in succession, even though most female pandas in captivity become infertile at about 16.



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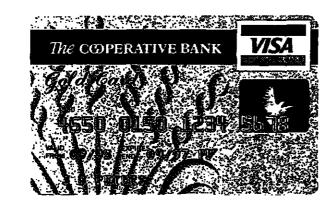
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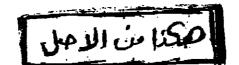
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Nato to deploy advance force

Sarajeve - Nato agreed yesterday to send the first 2.600 troops of a 60,000-strong force. to police a Bosnia peace settlement, but the UN commander for Sprajevo openly criticised the deal and warned

it might be unworkable. Nato ambassadors meeting in Brussels agreed to dispatch an "enabling force" of American. French and British troops who are expected to start arriving in Bosnia early next week to check that roads and airfields can take heavy military traffic.

The Nato decision came atter a major obstacle to the participation of 20000 American troops in the force was remissed when the Senate Re-publican leader. Bob Dole, gave his reluctant backing in Washngton. Mr Dole announced he was draning a resolution of support for the Bosnia mission. But the French UN com-

mander for Sarajevo, General

deal brokered in Dayton, Ohio, by the US government had been forced through to promote President Bill Clinton's re-election campaign.

The general also attacked a clause bringing Serb suburbs of Sarajevo under the control of the Muslim-Croat government. General Bachelet said Sarajevo Serbs would flee in their thousands, burning their homes. We would then watch French soldiers on television screens directing traffic while houses are

burning," he said. Bosnian Serb sources in Pale yesterday said Serb civilians have begun leaving suburbs to he handed over but described it as a trickle rather than a rush.

General Bachelet accused chief US negotiator Richard Holbrooke of seeking "to obtain at whatever cost an agreement to serve the electoral interests of an American candidate".

However, a UN spokesman in Sarajeyo, Alexander Ivanko, said: "We at the higher com-

Jean-René Bachelet, said the mand fully support the Dayton

It was the second time that France has questioned the Dayton pact. On Wednesday, President Jacques Chirae was reported to have written to Mr Chinon demanding guarantees for the Serbs living in Sarajevo

A French newspaper said yesterday that the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzie, had offered Paris help in freeing two detained French airmen in exchange for its support for a better deal for Sarajevo's Serbs. Le Figaro quoted Italian writer Daniel Salvatore Schiffer, a gobetween for Bosnian Serbs in the past, as saving: "Karadzie thinks he has a good chance of achieving the release of the pilots if Jacques Chirae makes a

positive gesture."

A Foreign Ministry official in Paris insisted yesterday that there was no connection between Mr Chirae's letter to Mr Clinton and the fate of the missing thers, shot down over Serb-held Bosnia in August.

Toddlers who crave love and cuddles

EMMA DALY

As orphanages go, Nasa Djeta seems a warm and friendly place: a few toys lie scattered about, a few pictures – abstract expressionism from the underfives - are pinned to the walls. But the 40 children who live in three rooms above a kindergarten in the industrial town of Tuzla, in northern Bosnia, are starved of love and attention, traumatised by living through nearly four years of war and domestic conflict.

"The children have nothing," Melika Abjefendic, director of Nasa Djeta (Our Children), said. "We need so much for a normal life - a television and video, a car, a doctor ...

At present, the children are isolated at the home because they have no transport - even which had fallen to the Serbs. for trips to the hospital - and Nirvana, dark and silent, is here money for food will run out at the end of the year.

The charity War Child, founded in 1993 by two filmmakers (and parents) horrified by what they saw while covering the Croatian war, plans to supply food and a vehicle for the next year, with money raised from *Independent* readers. Funding the orphanage for 12 months will cost £80,000, and will ensure the children at least have a place to call home.

There is a great difference between our children and those from the kindergarten: here it's almost impossible to keep any kind of order when food comes or visitors arrive. They want and need a bit more love, Jasminka Sinanovic explained.

Ms Sinanovic, a nurse, looks after the oldest group - three-to five-year-olds - who live in a large, cheerful room filled with furniture to scale: tiny tables and chairs, a row of miniature beds. There are a few toys and mu-rals on the wall, small-lockers and cups named for each child.



Djeta frequently hug the children. There are a few toys and murais on the wall, small lockers and cups named for each child. But there is the same, inevitable and desperate need among the children for affection and attention.

Tariq, a small blond boy, was cradied in the trans ator's arm No one is sure what happened to his family, but they know he arrived at the orphanage as a tiny baby from the town of Brcko, with her sister because both her parents are in an asylum.

"They are not all orphans some have been abandoned, or perhaps the mother is dead and the father in the army," Ms Alijefendic said. "One child's mother was raped [by Serb soldiers]. She did not abandon him, but her brothers, her family would not let her bring the child home ... so he is here." The mother is able to visit

only occasionally. But another woman did return to the orphanage recently to claim her son. "I think she was raped too," Ms Alijefendic said. "She has found a job, so she is able to raise her child."

Over the past couple of years the orphanage has managed to place around 30 children with adoptive parents, but new arrivals appear all too often.

One small girl whispers the word "mama" - every strange adult who appears is "mother" or "father" to these children, a triumph, for the majority, of



Reunited: Besir Johic plays with his son Amir (right) and his niece Belma, 2, after a four-year separation. Belma's father Photograph: Kevin Weaver died escaping from Srebrenica

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Alliance leadership: New Secretary-General faces crucial tests over Bosnia, expanding to the East and forging new ties with the EU

Spanish joy as Solana wins Nato job

Madrid TONY BARBER

Spain's Foreign Minister, Javier Solana, was named yesterday as Nato's new Secretary-General, ending six weeks of embarrassing uncertainty over who should head the world's strongest military alliance.

Diplomats in Brussels said a consensus had formed around Mr Solana as the best man to replace Willy Claes, who resigned in October because of a ed States would throw its weight

Belgium. "We have a new Secretary-General", the US ambassador, Robert Hunter, said. "We are delighted by the selection of Mr. Solana

"The 16 support Solana," said Carlos Miranda, Spain's ambassador to Nato, after aninformal meeting of the al-liance's ambassadors. "This is a very good and important day for

The main barrier to Solana's appointment was removed on Thursday, when officials in Washington indicated the Unitcorruption scandal in his native behind him, even though Spain

Nato's military command structure. Many European allies had already backed him.

Mr Hunter said: "Minister Solana has great potential to become an outstanding Secretary General at a critical time."

Despite not being an official candidate, Mr Solana emerged as the front-runner for the job after the US effectively vetoed the former Dutch prime minister, Rnud Lubbers, Simultaneously, France and Greece did the same for the former Danish foreign minister, Uffe Elle-

British officials dismissed as "totally without foundation" reports in the Spanish and British media that Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, had opposed Mr Solana because he campaigned against Spanish membership

However, 35 US Congressmen made public their opposition to Mr Solana this week when they told the Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, in a letter, that it would be "totally inappropriate" to appoint him since Spain is not fully integrated into Nato's military com-

of Nato in the early 1980s.

mand. They said Mr Solana also was unacceptably critical of the US trade embargo on Cuba.

State Department sources said Mr Christopher regarded him as a close friend who was deeply committed to strengthening US-European relations. Mr Christopher meets Mr.

Solana in Madrid today

Mr Christopher arrives in Madrid before President Bill Clinton, who will sign a "transatlantic agenda" document with Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, and the Spanish includes co-operation beyond traditional trade and security matters to include operations against terrorism and drug

trafficking. Mr Solana's departure would remove from the Spanish scene Mr Gonzalez's most likely successor as leader of an enfeebled Socialist Party that faces general elections in March. Mr Solana, has been close to MI Gonzalez since the 1970s, and is the only minister remaining from the original cabinet formed in 1982 after the Socialists won a landslide election.

Although he had been a vocal opponent of Nato in the Seventies, as the govern-ment's spokesman he backed the 1986 referendum campaign in favour of Spain's continuing

membership of the alliance. Since the beginning of the war, in the Bosnia, he has advocated a tougher European line in the Balkans. Spain has become identified with the drive for greaten EU defence

integration.
Under Mr Solama's leader ship, Nato will have to take crucial decisions concerning. Bosnia, the question of mem-



Javier Solana: Gained US support at the last minute

bership for Central and Eastern European nations, and the forg-ing of new links with the West-em European Union, the EU's putative defence organisation. He will also be at the centre of efforts to create a European pillar for Nato, while not un-dermining the Atlantic link.

Papandreou's heirs wait on dying words

ANDREW GUMBEL

As Andreas Papandreou lies hooked up to lung and kidney support systems in an Athens hospital and the undeclared battle for his succession rages, one thought is haunting his would-be political heirs.

What if he ruins all the backroom negotiations and, in his dying breath, names his own successor as Prime Minister and leader of his socialist movement, Pasok? Even worse, what if the name he comes up with pleases nobody but himself and the man - or woman - that he

One nightmare scenario, though admittedly an unlikely one, is that he will plump for Mimi, his glamorous but broadly disliked young wife who has jealously guarded over his private office for the past two years and who has been watching over him day and night since he entered hospital 12 days ago. One senior Pasok member was clear:

Socialist Party, which has re-sisted opposition efforts to

investigate its role in a dirty war

against Basques in the 1980s,

yesterday succeeded in killing a

Senate inquiry that sought to

question two former ministers.

The inquiry was set up three

weeks ago to investigate

whether the Socialist govern-

the so-called Anti-terrorist Lib-

eration Groups (GAL) - death

squads. But the Socialists were

able to muster the votes of the

Catalan and Basque national-

former defence minister, Nar-

writes Elizabeth Nash.

a dying man. But if he does that, we'll all pretend not to hear." Mr Papandreou would not

have to go so far, though, to sow the seeds of discord in party ranks. A name like Akis Tsochadzopoulos, his loyal Interior Minister and official stand-in as prime minister, would also go down badly with many militants, who see him as a bully-boy, and would risk exacerbating the rifts that already exist between pro- and anti-Papandreou camps within Pasok.

Officially, government mem-bers insist Mr Papandreou is still in charge, even though he can communicate only through facial gestures and handwriting. "Last time I saw him communicating, three days ago, he wrote the words: I will survive'," Telemachos Chytiris, the government spokesman, said.

However, the latest thinking is that the roles of prime minister and party leader might be divided, with either Gerasimos Arsenis, the Defence Minister, or Costas Simitis, a leading Pa-You never know the whims of sok dissident, taking the pre-

Dirty-war inquiry blocked

rior minister, Jose Barrionuevo.

ty had earlier said it would

support the questioning of the

two former ministers. Their

defection drew the teeth of the

32-strong inquiry, which yes-

terday threw in the towel and

The collapse of the commis-

the conservative opposition Popular Party, which had

The Supreme Court, which is

conducting its own investigation

into the GAL scandal, is pon-

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ists to reject plans to call the dering whether to call Mr Gon-

The Catalan nationalist par-

- Spain's ruling cis Serra, and the former inte-

miership, and Mr Tsochadz-opoulos controlling the party. Mr Arsenis and Mr Simitis are economic specialists with a broadly pro-European outlook.

Time may be running out, since Mr Papandreou's doctors have been unable to take him off the artificial respirator that sustained him for most of last week and has done so again since Tuesday. Mr Papandreou also underwent a fourth course of kidney dialysis yesterday.

There is now talk of transferring the Prime Minister on to a more powerful heart-lung machine, or even of performing a tracheotomy to enable him to breathe independently through an opening in his throat. Neither prospect is reassuring for a frail 76-year-old with a history of serious heart problems.

Meanwhile, on the streets of Athens, the mood is turning to one of discomfort at Mr Pa-pandreou's agony. "Why do they torture him like this? They should turn the machines off and let him die with dignity," one shopkeeper said.

the early years of his premier-

ship. The court is due to ques-

tion Mr Barrionuevo after

parliament voted last week to

lift his immunity as an MP. Mr

Barrionuevo will be called on

suspicion of kidnapping, misuse of public funds and association

There has been much talk in the Socialist camp recently about the undesirability of hav-

A number of judges warned

could clash with the juridical

one, thus casting a shadow over

the credibility of the Senate

with an armed band.

Dying light: 2,700 candles in front of the Belem tower, in Lisbon, commemorate, on World Alds Day yesterday, those in Portugal who have died of the disease

Bolivia starts digging for Che's remains

PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

For 28 years and 50 days, Bolivian domestic aircraft may have been landing on Che Guevara's remains at the dusty Vallegrande airstrip more than 400 miles south of the capital, La Paz-Yesterday, officials began

digging up part of the dirt run-way for what is left of the Argentine-born revolutionary who became a worldwide Sixties symbol of social change after joining Fidel Castro in the

Cuban revolution. The Bolivians did not expect to find much. Che's hands were cut off after he was killed in 1967 and Bolivian army officers tried to burn his body before tossing him into a grave with other Marxist guerrillas. His thick black beard and wavy hair may help with identification.

Almost three decades later, President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada decided Ernesto "Che" (the Argentine version of "Buddy") Guevara's remains should be returned to his family for a Catholic burial.

Retired General Mario Vargas, 62, who as a 34-year-old army captain witnessed the secret burial at 13pm on 11 October 1967, led investigators from a presidential commission to the site. At first, he could not recall the spot but apparently had his memory jogged by two local people who had watched the night-time burial.

Although Bolivian army officers had put Che's body on public display in a Vallegrande hospital laundry room, and published famous photographs to prove to the world he was dead, they later panicked as the dead guerrilla's Christ-like im-

age as a corpse only increased his mystique. They buried him in a secret communal grave and remained silent until General Vargas led the presidential investigators to the site. Trained as a doctor in Ar-

gentina, Guevara joined Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces in Mexico before landing in Cuba and helping to overthrow the dio-tator, Pulgencio Batista, in 1959. As Mr Castro's right-hand man, he served in the government before returning to Argentina to fight for Marxist revolution in 1964. In early 1967, he tried to export the revolution" to Bolivia but was captured on 8 October that year, a useless, rusting carbine in his hands. He was shot the following day, his last words: "Go ahead and shoot. You are a coward but you are shooting a man.

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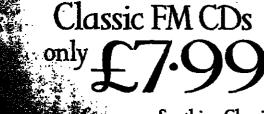
Guevara has relatives in both Argentina and Cuba. His eldest daughter, Hilda, died of cancer at the age of 39 in Havana in August, leaving behind Che's grandson, Canek Guevara, a 21year-old rock guitarist.

Cuba and left-wing politicians in Argentina have requested his remains. His hands, at first sent to Argentina for fingerprint checks, ended up in Cuba, where Mr Castro preserved and retained them in a secret vault

Mr Castro has encouraged Guevara's martyr image even more than his own - Che's face looks down from buildings around Cubs and from ubiqui-

tourism potential is not lost on Mayor Hoover Cabrera. He and a Che museum at the "his

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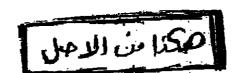
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Saudi king's illness stirs succession fears

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who is 73, was being treated in hospital yesterday for an undisprompting speculation on the international oil markets about a succession crisis.

The Saudi monarch was taken to the King Faisal specialist hospital in Riyadh in on Thursday morning. He had just returned to the capital after several days in the desert.
"We are pleased to announce

that all the check-ups conducted this morning on the custodian of the two Holy Shrines are reassuring and, thank God, he is enjoying health and fitness." a statement from the royal court said late on Thursday.

King Fahd is overweight, suffers from diabetes and uses a stick for walking because of a painful knee. He underwent gall bladder surgery last year.

In a departure from tradition. the monarch's admission to hospital was publicised on the front pages of Saudi newspapers, broadcast on state television and was carried by the official news agency. But his ailment was not revealed.

The uncertainties about Saudi Arabia beyond King Fahd stem more from the inner pol-

ities of the royal family than an external threat. The succession to the throne is brokered between the survivors among the 43 sons born by several wives to King Abdul Aziz, the founder of the kingdom, who fived from 1876 to 1953.

King Fahd's departure from the scene could cause uncertainty, because his brother and heir apparent, Crown Prince Andullah, may face opposition among the 6,000 princes of the ruling dynasty.

In practice, modern court politics have been dominated by Fahd and his six full brothers born to Abdul Aziz's favourite wife, Hassa bint Ahmad Sudairi. The "Sudairi Seven" include the Defence Minister, Prince Sultan, the Interior Minister, Prince Navef, and the governor of Rivadh, Prince Salman.

Some analysts believe the remaining Sudairi brothers would resist the succession of Crown Prince Abdullah, who is outside their ranks. Others be-lieve the royal family could skip a generation and hand the throne to a figure such as the Western-educated Foreign Minister. Prince Saud, son of the assassinated King Faisal.

"I think Fahd's death means instability for the country because his designated successor, Abdullah, is also old and

unwell himself," said Said Aburish, author of a recent critical book about the kingdom.

King Fahd was shortly due to meet King Hussein of Jordan for the first time in five years, marking an important act of reconciliation after Jordan's estrangement from Saudi Arabia during the 1990-91 Gulf war. He was also expected to travel to Muscat, the capital of Oman, for

King Fahd: Doubts centre on politics of royal family

a meeting of the Saudi-domi-nated Gulf Co-Operation Council next Monday.

Although in poor health, he appeared vigorous at a late night meeting three weeks ago with the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, King Fahd complained about the activities of Saudi dissidents who have

taken refuge in London, from rule, denouncing it as corrupt.

Despite the abuse from the exiles, there is little sign of onposition in Saudi Arabia itsell. The secret police and special security forces, armed and mained by the United States, keep hold of internal affairs. Saudi Árabia is an absolute monarchy whose constitution is the Koran, permitting neither freedom of assembly nor religious dissent.

But King Fand has overseen a measure of liberalisation. channelling the views of prominent families and merchant interests through an appointed consultative assembly. His chosen title, "Custodian of the two Holy Shrines", or "Servant of the two Holy Places", was selected to emphasise the royal family's rule over Mecca and Medina, an important source of prestige in the Muslim world.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest petroleum exporter. holding about a quarter of glob-al oil reserves, and is a close ally of the US and Britain. The roval family is criticised by religious purists and has taken steps to deal with an economic crisis caused by declining oil revenues. A recent car bomb in Riyadh, which killed five Americans, underlined the potential for instability in the region.

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SA braced for 'truth' about its racist past

Johannesburg

One-and-a-half years after the death of apartheid, South ciliation Commission, whose iob over the next 18 months will be to root out the crimes of the apartheid years. Work on the grim task will begin in the next

Although the body is headed by the respected Nobel Prizewinner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and although the former ruling National Party has ac-cepted the appointment of the commission, there may be trou-

There are already rumblings which indicate that Archbishop



FW de Klerk: Bitter dispute with President Mandela

Tutu's panel is going to have a difficult time, and that its findings could shatter the pact un-der which whites and blacks have agreed to live side-by-side. The commission panel is

about more than exposing the abuses of white minority rule and the struggle to overthrow it. Its chief aim is to foster a na-tional reckoning by uncovering the truth about the violence of the past, and in doing so, aid the healing of South Africa's psyche. It has the power to grant amnesty to those who offer "full disclosure" of past wrongdoings, or to recommend the prosecution of those who don't.

"I hope that the work of the commission is going to help to pour balm on wounds which we will open to cleanse so that they don't fester ... so that we can then say let those bygones be bygones and let us now concentrate on ... the future," Archbishop Tutu said.

The panel is similar to other truth commissions set up in Eastern Europe and Latin America to explore the crimes of past governments. Many of those have been criticised either for whitewashing history in the name of political expediency or for using their findings to discredit political opposition. Often, in the rush to forge a modus vivendi between the oppressor and the oppressor, the victims of violence have been into the same assuage white fears over black rule and provide financial stability in the white-dominated economy, there is a widespread belief that General Malan's trial and the Truth Commission's investigations could lead to revelations which would force Mr. those have been criticised either victims of violence have been ig-

nored. South Africa is hoping its experiment will somehow turn out differently.

For President Mandela and the country's black majority, the commission's work is essential past. President Nelson Mandela for the future. For them there this week named the 17 mem-can be no reconciliation unless bers of the Truth and Recon- those responsible for apartheidera crimes face up to their guilt. But for many conservative white South Africans, the past would be better forgotten and forgiven without the theatricals.
Whites, particularly Afrikan-

ers, fear the commission will be little more than a one-sided tribunal seeking to punish their for-mer leaders and generals. Many, like former president PW Botha, have said they will refuse to co-operate. They say Mr Mandela's commitment to reconciliation has been suspect since the arrest of General Magnus Malan and 10 senior officers for 13

apartheid-era murders. The general and his co-defendants appeared in a Durban court yesterday to hear the charges detailed and will go on trial in March.

General Malan has become the main focal point for opposition to the Truth Commission They say the general is proof that the President and his African Na-tional Congress (ANC) want to humiliate and punish only former government personnel while glossing over the excesses of their own people.

In a taste of the kind of po-

litical debate to come, Mr Mandela started a nasty round of mudslinging with his deputy, FW de Klerk, over the Malan case and the question of in-demnity for former govern-ment officials.

The President has steadfastly refused appeals by Mr De Klerk to grant the "Malan 11" in-demnity. Last weekend, Mr Mandela called Mr De Klerk "a joke" for suggesting that if the trial were to proceed, then "even-handedness" demanded that senior ANC officials who received indemnity from the last white minority government should be prosecuted for their

The bitterness of the ex-change led commentators to conclude that the government of national unity and the Mandela-De Klerk political marriage were on the rocks. Sensing trouble, Mr Mandela moved this week to defuse the row. He praised Mr De Klerk and told praised Mr De Klerkgand told the media not to express he tweet them. MOTOROLA ferences between them.

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ality," the President said.
While there is little doubt that Mr Mandela needs Mr De Klerk to assuage white fears over black



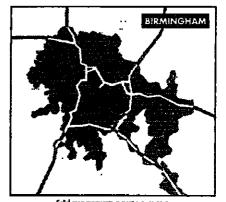
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China glowers as Taiwan goes to the polls

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

China's leaders must be facing increasing frustration in their attempts to influence today's legislative elections in Taiwan. the immensely wealthy offshore island which they regard as a renegade province.

First, they have no experience of democratic elections. Secondly, they are supposed to be indifferent to their outcome in Taiwan. Thirdly, they desper-ately want the Taiwanese voters to give the thumbs down to President Lee Teng-hui and others who are seen as encouraging the further separation of Taiwan from the Chinese

This probably explains why Shen Guofang, China's foreign ministry spokesman, was so evasive when questioned about whether the Chinese government was trying to influence the election by holding a series of threatening military exercises off

The military action is backed up by Cultural Revolution-style rhetoric. On Tuesday the Peking-controlled Wen Wei Po newspaper in Hong Kong wrote in glowing terms of how, "for province facing Taiwan) people will once again not grudge hav

ing to make sacrifices". It may be no more than sabre-rattling. But the Hong Kong and Taiwan press are full stories of how the Chinese gov-

ernment has changed the cri-teria for dealing with Taiwan by nilitary means. A widely leaked Chinese government document, allegedly from a Taiwan policy committee headed by President Jiang Zemin, states that the previous criteria for deciding on the need for an invasion should Taiwan declare independence is too narrow.

According to the document it is necessary to consider military means to counter "covert independence", which means President Lee's policy of per-petuating the division of the motherland, and deliberate procrastination in reunification talks. In these circumstances China would be justified in launching a smallscale military invasion to com-bat a small scale-independence

The effect of all this military posturing in Taiwan has oscillated from extreme concern to indifference. The local stock market is more than ever like a roller-coaster as mood-swings are reflected in the price of

Yesterday, President Lee hit back at China's threats, insisting: "The ballot is stronger in glowing terms of how, for the sake of unification of the motherland, the Fujian (the ficials: "The military exercises . are negative, and the actions of Communist China are

> A government official dealing with China relations said that he was aware of growing

unwise.



itary for greater leeway in taking action against Taiwan, and was taking it seriously. Lee Kno-hsiung, a politics

although there was "an in-creased sense of risk", he believed that there were weak reasons for military action" and professor at the National

Chengchih University, said that worry about the international

China's ham-fisted election strategy is to weaken both the outright pro-independence

jority faction in the ruling shooting itself in the foot with-Kuomintang Party, which it sees as backing President Lee's seems to be unaware that the

threats from Peking may well have the effect of rallying sup-port for a party which is deeply

more openly split than at say time since Chiang Kai-shek brought his defeated forces to Taiwan in 1949.

Two leading members, the former prime minister, Han Pei-tsun, and Lin Yang-king, are declared runners in the March presidential election, the first in Taiwan's history.

Other senior Kuomintang officials have also entered the race apainst President Lee, inchiding an 82-year-old former senior adviser to the President, Henry Kao.

New Party, with an outspoken programme of reunification with the mainland, is making some headway among younger middle-class Knomintang sup-porters and old-guard military

stalwarts.
The sales in the ruling party
will probably do little to prevent
President Lee from being reelected but they pose serious problems for the Knomintang in today's poll. The pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party is rubbing its hands as the ruling party falls apart, and stands to make gains from a split in the conservative vote.

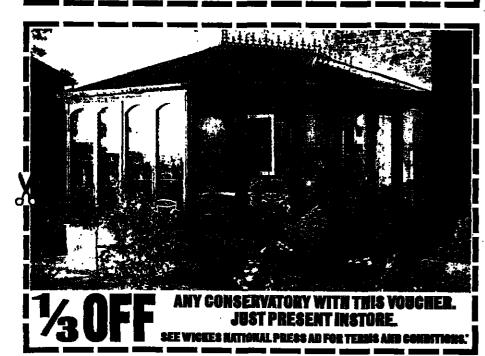
Knomintang will lose its overall majority in the legislature.

This would move Taiwan into uncharted waters, as the legislative and executive wings of government have never before been controlled by different

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Ex-president could face death penalty

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Roh Tae Woo, the disgraced for-mer president of South Korea, has chosen an intriguing book for his bedtime reading. Every night, before the lights go out in the Seoul Detention House, where he is being held pending inaminent bribery charges, Mr Roh reads a few pages of the

memoirs of Margaret Thatcher. Broadly, there are parallels between the two former leaders: both presided over periods of boom in their country's economies, only to be stabbed in the back, as they saw it, by they had nurtured. But if Mr Roh is looking for consolation, he will find little in The Downing Street Years.

While Baroness Thatcher promoted free-market monetarism and the small businessman, Mr Roh enriched Korea's giant corporations with a vigorous programme of state intervention and protectionism. While she was ousted by her own party, Mr Roh handed his presidency to a trusted successor in 1993. And if Lady Thatcher had the consolation of

a peerage and a bag of incrative directorships, Mr Roh has no such perks to look forward to.

After owning up in October to a huge personal slush-fund worth \$650m (£420m), he stands a good chance of receiving a life intence for corruption. Now, as the scandal widens, he faces an even grimmer possibility: death by hanging, on charges of trea-son and mass murder.

-Amid mounting public hysteria, the government of resident Kim Young Sam furnished details this week of a new law which will allow Mr Roh and his predecessor, Chun Doo Hwan, to be prosecuted for the 1979 coup which brought them to power. Prosecutors have summoned Mr Chun for ques-

demonstrators were killed by paratroopers, occurred just outside the 15-year statute of limitations. Officials told journalists in Seoul that the constitotion will be amended to overcome this obstacle.

A special law will then be drafted allowing for the prosecution of the coup leaders and their eventual execution.

Constitutional amendments must be approved by a national referendum but in the current atmosphere of hatred against Mr Roh there is little doubt that it would gain overwhelming public approval.

Ali week there have been da ly demonstrations, some of them violent, calling for the prosecution of the two men. In Kwangju itself, 800 students fought riot police on Wednesday, and demanded an inde-pendent inquiry into both the slush-fund scandal and the massacre. Opposition parties accuse President Kim of hypocrisy in his pursuit of Mr Roh, who founded the ruling Democratic Liberal Party. "There is no change in the nature of Kim, who took power by joining hands with the slaughterers, Kwangju students shouted.

The crisis has provoked a more than usually tense atmosphere on the border with Comitunist North Korea. Yesterday, Mr Kim urged extra vigilance, saying that there had been worrying signs of North Korean activity. "They are also building up fighter planes and bombers near the demilitarised zone [between the two countries]," a spokes-man quoted Mr Kim as saying. "We must firmly cope with any aggressive attempts by the North Koreans," he said. "Our political and social atmosphere could be read as a sign of a weakened security posture on OUT part"

campaigning for unity between the two countries have been arrested trader the draconian tioning today.

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Something wrong in cider country

Paddy Ashdown's concern about racist attacks in Yeovil highlighted a problem seething beneath the surface of Middle England. Peter Popham visits a West Country battleground



uthfur Rahman wanted out. The son of Bengali parents, 23 years old, born and raised in London's East End, he wanted to break free of the criminality of his surroundings in Upton Park to have a crack at running his own business, and to make a new life. After leaving school, he and two friends worked hard and saved money. When they had enough, they cast around for a part of the country where Indian restaurants were in short supply.

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They hit upon Yeovil (pop. 40,000) in the southern part of a county. Somerset, where ethnic groups are practically non-existent, amounting to half of one per cent - almost the lowest rate in the country. Last year, Luthfur and his friends took the plunge. They bought a property, moved down and on 13 October, opened The Viceroy

It's a cosy place - impressionist prints in gold frames are set in small baize-lined alcoves, and pleated walls and ceiling. It's like eating dinner inside a hat box. The friends move seemed a great idea. But the Viceroy's honeymoon was brief. Within weeks, a crowd of toughs had begun to prey on the place, going round after the pubs closed. ordering food then throwing it around, smashing toilets, spitting racial abuse. Yeovil was beginning to make Upton Park look friendly.

Six weeks after the opening, the same people came back and smashed the windows. This was to happen half a dozen more times. In between, the drunken assaults continued and staff were kicked, punched and threatened with murder if they gave evidence in court. The restaurant was urinated on. eggs were thrown, graffiti was sprayed on the outside walls saying "Pakis go home, Pakis smeil".

On 8 October this year, the usual people turned up with a house-for-sale sign with which they tried to break the windows once again. They attacked staff in the kitchen, and within minutes, 10 friends arrived as reinforcements. Luthfur, a painfully slight, boyish figure, realised his restaurant was under siege. He and his colleagues barricaded themselves inside. The violence continued for half an hour, at which point the mob outside had grown to about 50. Five police cars arrived, a munber of arrests were made and charges were brought. The next day, a kebab restaurant a new doors up the road was fire-bombed.

These are shocking events to occur in a small, uneventful West Country market town in 1995. But you would probably not be reading attention-grabbing had not hap-pened last week - Paddy Ashdown, the town's MP, alerted to its racist violence, went for a late-night walkabout and ended up fighting off a knifeman. With Ashdown's commando reflexes and his alleged assailant's Manson-like stare splashed over newspapers, Yeovil finds itself squirming under most nuwelcome attention.

Surrounded though it is by pretty countryside and chocolate-box villages, Yeovil is decidedly short on charm. Home to Westland Helicopters and much light industry, it is a casebook study of how, post-World War II, to ruin a perfectly

nice little place. Ring road, pedestrian precinct, ugly new shops, outof-town stores - Yeovil has the lot. And unlike, say, Taunton or Dorchester, it has little save its rusticity to compensate. Middle Street, the town's main shopping street, at the bottom of which the Viceroy and the town's nine other ethnic restaurants are grouped, is festooned with To Let signs.

But lack of charm does not

account for the rampant terror visited weekly on the Viceroy and its near-neighbours. Racial incidents in a town without racial minorities sound ridiculous, unthinkable. But according to Rev Mark Ellis, vicar of St Michael's parish church, the unthinkable is exactly what is hap pening. "People assume racial harassment is a problem only of inner-city areas where there are ghettos and clearly-defined racial neighbourhoods," he says. "But racism is endemic throughout the country. Yeavil is a town with so uity, good facilities, good educational opportunities, high employment, no bad housing, yet we still have a few people who bully ethnic minorities. And in a small community, it is more difficult for these families to protect themselves because they are so obviously on

"Most people in the community don't see the problem. They don't know it is going on."

Conversations on the streets of the town confirm Mr Ellis's view that apathy is widespread. "It's all been blown up in the press since Paddy was attacked," a housewife said. There are a few bad apples

make it worse." A young tattooed man out shopping with his wife and haby echned this view: "There are some ignorant bastards in the town. and most of them hang around at the bottom of Middle Street. It's not a race problem. We haven't got a

race problem here." Mr Ellis. Paddy Ashdown and other community leaders have now launched what they call a Partner-ship Against Racial Harassment (Parh) to combat the problem. "Since we formed Parh." Mr Ellis says, "we have had a tremendous amount of support and messages of

'There are some ignorant bastards in the town, but we haven't got a race problem here'

goodwill. People are beginning to wake up to the fact that this is going on. It is our problem, a community problem, and we have to solve it. We mustn't let individuals think they are

on their own."
It is arguable that one reason for Yeovil's problem is its extreme whiteness, Anthea Fisher, a worker with the Somerset Racial Equality Network, says Somerset has not had a history of ethnic minorities coming into the county. Those who do arrive "are being treated in a very

knowledge". "There is an element that has been causing harassment for some time and the people subjected to it have been too scared to come forward," she says. "They lack confidence, because they don't think anybody would listen."

The incidents that have come to light have been very bad. There is constant verbal abuse, which must be very wearing. Yeovil isn't a bad place, but a group of individuals who are not representative of the town are causing great distress to people who are trying to get on and run a business. A lot of people in the town feel very upset about this. The partnership will be a positive step in drawing together people who want to see the situation change."

Several of the victims of violence are bitter about what they regard as slowness and ineffectuality in dealing with the problem. Deaving the charge, Supt Ted Allen says that his officers are experienced in dealing with racist incidents, which have been rising in recent months, and which are drink-related. "This is not organised racism, but pure vohbism," he says. "The restaurants and take-aways have suffered some quite horrendous situations. Because of that, we have been running special operations at weekends to put more uniforms on the streets and we have been looking at other ways of overcoming the problems. We want to try to prevent this happening and catch those responsi-

But Paddy Ashdown is quietly critical of some police attitudes.
"We had a meeting of community

herassment, and a representative of the police suggested that when there was trouble at one restaurant. staff from the other ethnic restaurants should club together with them in self-defence, I said

absolutely not - it's our problem as a community. It's our job to protect them, not their job to protect themh is not. Ashdown insists, a problem peculiar to Yeovil, "Late-night vandalism has unfortunately become the nor in town centres across the country. But I am con-

corned because it's happening here. in an extreme fashion. My clear view, backed by all that I've learned. is that this is not political in the sense that the BNP is behind it. And I don't want it to come to that, It's an extension of the vandalism. Those who have had a skinful of beer or eider think that in addition to breaking plate-glass windows, it would be a useful extension to do a seed has been flattened at the first

bit of 'Paki-bashing', as well. "It's part of the brutalisation of our society. People turn against the vulnerable. Afterward, they may justify it as hatred of blacks, but that's all it is. The group responsible are a small number of recidivists. perhaps 10 to 12 in their mid-30s: not young, not unemployed. I know their names, though I'm not going to tell you. I'm determined to put a ston to it, so Yeovil can be ahead of the rest of the country, not behind

himself into the heart of the fray, Yeovil a prominence it doesn't

family has been forced to abandon their business. There have been a total of 19 serious racist incidents around the county so far this year.

But Ashdown's unusually direct approach to his responsibilities means some help may be at hand for Yeovil's tiny community of ethnic restaurateurs. As he was lucky to discover, plain-clothes police are operating in the town centre late at night. Ashdown is now pushing for installation of closed-circuit television in Middle Street. There is talk of installing a radio network linked summoned without delay.

These measures are too late, however, for Luthfur Rahman, whose main hope now is to escape Yeavil unscathed. "This restaurant is the seed from which we hoped much would grow." he says, "but the attempt. Now the restaurant is in the red, but, of course, with all the adverse publicity it's impossible to sell it. The time we've been here has been no better than a prison sen-

Yeovil is caught in a strange dilemma - do nothing and the violence of a few criminals could force the ethnic restaurateurs to flee the town - a shameful conclusion. Proteet them properly and it may burden itself with the paraphernalia of a far larger, grimmer sort of conurbation. Closed-circuit television in the centre of Yeovil will be the final whether the war zone is Bosnia or blow that the late-20th century has Middle Street, may have given to inflict on this formerly innocent blow that the late-20th century has

Jo Brand's week

Skimming the obituaries during the week, as I often do due to being such a miserable old trout on the quiet. I was saddened to read of the death of Stuart Henry, with whom I spent many nights during my teenage years. As a Radio Luxembourg DJ, he joined me under the covers on many occasions at very low volume, so my mum would not hear when she popped her head round the door. He was there the night I plucked my eyebrows into one line of hair, achieving what I thought was the attractive Seventies' look of a of hair, achieving what I thought was the attractive seventies flock of a surprised alien and the warning from my mum that they would never grow back. How right she was, Smart Henry faded from the airwaves because he had multiple sclerosis, leading people to imagine, in the early stages of the illness, that he was either drunk, or in that nauseating Radio I speak, smoking "funny baccy". The reason that people didn't know he was ill was because he didn't tell them. Who can blame him? People with degenerative illnesses are about as welcome in this society as I am at Champneys.



I had always thought the Pope an unlikely ally in the light against paternatistic values, especially as for many he is the ultimate "Papa". So I was surprised to see him comment this week that, despite feminism, too many women are still victims of contempt and injustice. Maybe he's just got round to reading The Female Eunuch, or perhaps he's been nobbled by a radical nun. Whatever, perhaps it's time for women to capitalise on this new-found liberalism from the Vatican and get the Pope on a few marches. That's if we're not too busy being pregnant all the time.

Shops selling new technology boom and bust at an alarming rate these days, in the face of our ever-changing demand for more

electronic in the UF: between them, sophisticated gadgets, I wonder whether the people who work in such places are struggling to keep up with the intellectual demands of all this

change, because they all seem to be morons who have no idea what they are talking about - nor care. I have become frustrated to the point of near violence with the lads who work in mobile phone shops. They're quite happy to sell you a load of cack without batting an cyclid - if you can get them to serve you, at the risk of interrupting their fascinating conversation. (You may be thinking that any twanny who owns a mobile phone deserves this sort of treatment, but it's dead handy to have when I'm on my own in the car and also for phoning ahead to the Chinese

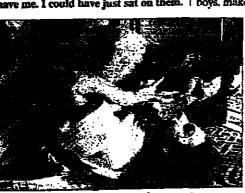
takeaway for a large portion of number 54.) A friend who recently bought a computer was given the wrong accessories, the wrong advice, the wrong everything. I'm surprised he actually got the computer and not a large turnip. It is a clické that computer nerds and technophiles have no social graces, but the apparent lack of interest in, or knowledge of, their subject places these shop workers high on the list of those most likely to be exterminated in my New Year's Honours List. I don't know why the baddies in the new Boad film are

bothering to try and destroy everything



the manufacturers and retailers are making a good job of it on their own.

Incidentally, it is amusing to watch the actors in the confused, anachronistic pile of pap that is the new James Bond film talking seriously about their roles. So the baddie can crush people to death with her thighs? Given her name is Xenia Onatopp, they should have me. I could have just sat on them.



Move over Xenia and let me have a go

The consolation I had when my fave team Crystal Palace went dahn into the First Division was that I would be able to watch them on terrestrial telly, being unable to bring myself to line Rupert Murdoch's wallet a bit more. I now discover that he has got his sweaty little mitts on the Endsleigh League as well. Is it good for footie? Balls.

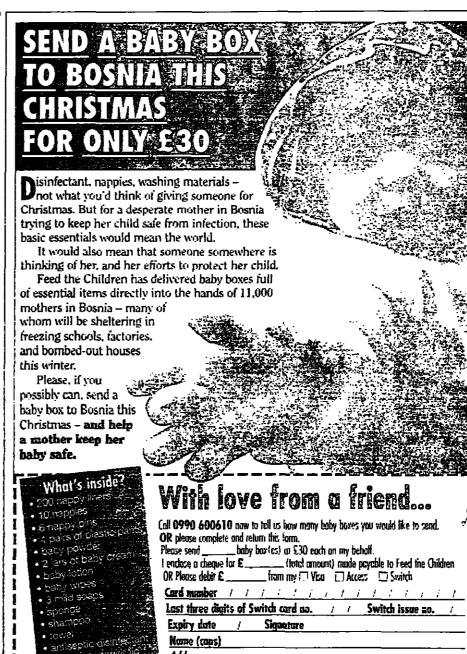
France is about to restrict the expansion of vast shopping centres that ring cities. Small shopkeepers are being driven out of business. We have similar problem here. In London. there appear to be Ikeas at the very corners of the city. I've never been to Ikea, but friends tell me it's hell at the weekend as desperate shoppers vie for parking and consuming. Why do we want to flock to worship at the altar of Scandinavian furniture en masse when we can't stand each other the rest of the time? I'd rather have less choice and a bit more breathing space.

feenage mags hit the headlines this week as TV His was withdrawn from Sainsbury's, Tesco and Asda, What could have offended them so much? The double standards of teenage magazines that tell young women to respect and think for themselves and then force boys, fashion, boys, diets. boys, make-up and boys down their

gullets? No. They're all up in arms about fellatio. Why should that be any more shocking than letters from girls aged 13 asking whether they should have sex with their boyfriend? Any orifice in that game is much the same as any other, in my book.

The sexual act is splashed across every tabloid from here to kingdom come. Parents who are concerned about their child's sexual

awakening seem to me to be far outweighed by the many that couldn't give a toss. These magazines are responding to what they see to be a demand. Who can blame them, given the climate elsewhere? The shrinking of childhood now into just a few years is what depresses me. This same debate will blow up again in 10 years' time, I expect, but next time it won't be a teenage mag, it will be the Beano.



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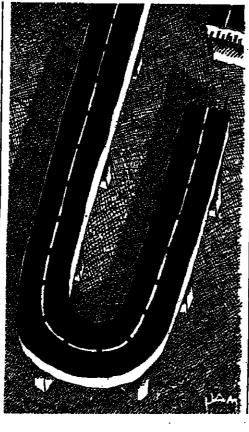
The Government policy that was lost in transit

One of the great planks of Tory dogma was quietly, almost secretly buried last week when Kenneth Clarke and the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, combined to ditch the Government's previously much-cherished road-building programme. The years of telling us that roads are essential for economic prosperity are now history. The war fought by the Dongas tribe of Twyford Down, the tree people of Batheaston as well as by the stout Tory ladies of Staines near the M25 has been won. The national roadbuilding programme will now consist of a few dribs and drabs, the odd bypass or trunk road widening scheme.

It is a momentous event, yet it was deliberately hidden among all the other news of the Budget because it begs more questions than the Government at present is able to answer. Indeed. there was more than a touch of dishonesty about what happened on Budget day. The Chancellor, in his characteristic bluff way, spoke of an extra £500m for roads under the Private Finance Initiative. Even yesterday, when the BBC Today programme described the money as a "paltry extra £500m" for roads, the penny had still not

dropped.

This is not extra money for roads – nor, as Sir George tried to depict it, just another way of bringing about the same level of roadbuilding. In fact, there has been a massive drop in the annual expenditure earmarked for national road schemes, from its peak of £2bn last year to £1.5bn. and we learnt in the Budget that it is to go on falling. But the more lasting effect, again revealed on Tuesday, is that under a review of



the programme 117 schemes, some 60 per cent of the total, have either been permanently aban-doned or put on hold. As a result, barely a handful of schemes will be started between now and

the general election.

The roads lobby was appalled at both the decision and the way in which it was disguised, calling it the "worst day for Britain's infrastructure since the Romans left". They are also sceptical of the Private Finance Initiative's ability to

deliver any roads quickly.

This is the sad end of the whole vision behind the roads programme, which was first set out in a rather thin White Paper called Roads to Pros-perity in 1989. The gist of the argument then was that Britain needed "a major expansion of the Government's programme for building and improving inter-urban roads" to "meet the forecast needs of traffic into the next century". These were heady times for the roadbuilding industry, as it seemed that the Government genuinely believed it could build itself out of the traffic con-

The problem was that there was never any hope of doing so. Traffic was expected to rise by between 142 per cent and 834 per cent between 1988 and 2025, and there was never any chance of increasing the capacity of Britain's roads by that amount. Money was being pumped into a programme that at best stopped things getting worse quicker. Finally, the Treasury said no

Thesday's events had been presaged in March, when Sir George's predecessor, Brian Mawhinney, abandoned plans to turn parts of the M25

into a 14-lane megahighway. Once it was accepted that even the busiest stretch of motorway in Britain could not be widened because of the uprour from the largely Tory local people, the policy of massive roadbuilding had nowhere to go. As we predicted at the time in March, all the motorway widening schemes have now been

But why didn't Sir George proudly boast about his new policy, rather than slipping it through as part of the Budget? Because in representing such a massive U-turn it was simply too embarrassing, and to boot because he is offering nothing it its stead.

He made a few token comments about making "more efficient use of the roads we have", but this would cost a lot of money too. This is something they have discovered in Japan, where the Government has spent £120m creating a massive information system for Tokyo's roads. With a network of 13,000 sensors around the city to collect information on jams, and variable message screens on every street corner to relay the information, delays have been reduced by 8 per cent in the past 10 months. Soon drivers will be able to buy their own in-car screens to pick up the information themselves, and will be offered alternative routes with the aid of computerised

maps.

Meanwhile, in Britain, we are waiting for the private sector to develop the infrastructure and pay for its installation, because the Government refuses to put in any seedcorn funding. Japan is already using technology to reduce congestion, while in Britain we are years away from even

Ms Elizabeth Symons

Embassy on Wednesday. Her report was a serious

esting and stimulating discussion. What Ms Toynbee

describes as "buzz words" are

real issues to many women, as

those on zero-hours contracts

and pitiful pay for part-timers

know all too well. A wide vari-

ety of views was expressed, put

with both determination and

humour. It was a conversation

in which Mrs Clinton freely par-

ticipated, demonstrating a reflective intelligence and con-siderable knowledge of the

Had Polly Toynbee listened

to the conversation, instead of trying to dictate it through her

own agenda of questions to

had a clearer understanding of

what was going on.

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starting pilot schemes. This will be a great missed opportunity, since Japanese equipment manufacturers will be in a position to flood our market in the same way they have done with cameras and Walkmans.

The destruction of the roadbuilding programme in the Budget signifies that transport policy has been taken over by the Treasury. If Sir George wants to retain his credibility, he needs to wrest back the initiative. Earlier this year, Dr Mawhinney launched a transport debate which seemed genninely to be asking the right questions

about transport policy.

When Sir George publishes the results of the debate, which he has said he will do early next year, he must do more than reiterate platitudes about congestion and actually suggest radical ways of tacking the crisis. He must actually begin to make difficult choices which will antagouise a lot of people, for example by restricting car parking in towas, reducing speed limits or turn-

ing over road space to cyclists.

Now that few new roads are to be built, it is only through such courageous measures that the measurable clogging up of our roads can be halted. There is no shortage of examples from abroad where all sorts of well-tried schemes, ranging from measures to increase bus usage to building light rail systems, are being implemented. Some of these are cheap, others cost a lot of money. Sir George must now let the Treasury have its way by stopping roadbuilding, but in return he has to persuade them to cough up for alternative transport policies that will stop the steady drift towards gridlock

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

From Professor Ruth Lister Sir: Hamish McRae (29 past decade. If the Government November) refers to the Chanhas research which underpins cellor's "carefully neutral statethis significant change in policy, ment on single parents - that it should publish it. In the they should be treated in the absence of such research, one same way as couples with chil- can only conclude that what has dren, not specially favoured". changed is the political saliency There is, though, nothing "neuof lone parents as the Chantral" about the decision to phase cellor came under pressure out the modest additional help from the Right of his party to provided to lone-parent famido something to shore up the lies, both in work and out of traditional two-parent family. work through one-parent benefit and the lone-parent prebelieve that such measures mium, nor about the Budget of could affect current family

which it was a part. The Chancellor justified this decision on the basis that "the cost and responsibilities of having children are the same for parents and their children furcouples as they are for single people". Ten years ago, this che removal of the non-means-Government published a tested one-parent benefit could Green Paper on social security reform in which it made the case for the lone-parent premium, which replaced a longterm rate paid after a year, on the grounds of the "greater" However, even these proposals will have only limited effect so needs" of and "extra pressures larly, it proposed continuing one-parent benefit "as a contribution to the additional costs faced by lone parents in bringing up children alone".

I am not aware that the difficulties faced by lone parents compared with couples raising

Symbolic cuts to lone parents | What does Hirst's udderless cow mean?

From Ms Barbara Spring Sir: The contemporary art sceptics will have all their doubts and hates confirmed by this year's Turner Prize choice "Enfant Terrible' Hirst wins the spot prize", 29 November). I, too, but particularly because of a problem with the inherent nature of the work.

Anyone who has seen a cow must have a problem with Damien Hirst's cow. The poor It is unlikely that they really divided creature accompanied by a calf could never have suckled any child, being to all trends. Instead, they amount to appearances perfectly udderless: the full bag of rich and beautiful milk that gives life to a piece of punitive symbolism, but a piece of symbolism which will gradually push many lone calf and child, that makes a cow a cow, is simply not there.

Having given the work a name ("Mother and child ther into poverty. Ironically, the removal of the non-meansdivided: cow and calf") the serve to undermine the more viewer presumes the artist intends something meaningful welcome proposals to make it easier for lone parents to move about the work. What does into full-time paid employment. this udderless cow mean? Is and child. there a hidden agenda here: is it a cynical joke? Is it an exislong as the Government refuses tential exercise? Or, after the st in our inadequate cow so an immature heifer was bought instead?

Professor of Social Policy Once one has seen the prob-Department of Social Sciences lem one suspects a fraud; if Loughborough University Loughborough, Leicestershire considered to be so important, whatever are the values of both

artist and critic? I am having real trouble in suspending my disbelief, and await the explanation from the pundits hopefully, in order that understanding may awaken appreciation. BARBARA SPRING

Saltash, Cornwall 29 November

From Mr Paul Gaynor Sir: As one of the protesters at the Tate Gallery this Monda who temporarily prevented people exercising their right to view two dead carcasses, I must express my disappointment at the moral bankruptcy of the judges of the Turner Prize and

the winning artist. However you view the exhibit, given the chance, it increased the demand for dead animals by two, created unnecessary suffering and death and cheapened the life of a mother

Apparently the judges were impressed by the artist's ability to deal with the issues of life funds not run to a real milking ting edge to the subject, may I suggest that in his next piece he merely directs people to their local slaughterhouse where they can really experithere is not integrity in a work ence the horrors awaiting the 750 million animals that we kill every year to satisfy our crav-

ing to consume animal flesh. A true artist should be able be the cause of it. Justice may yet be done should the artist be reincarnated as a dairy cow. Yours sincerely, PAUL GAYNOR Office Manage People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals

London, NW1

From Mr W. K. Harper Sir: In her eulogy of Damien Hirst's work (29 November) Louisa Buck says "he produces images that lodge themselves in the psyche ... at the same time mundane and massive ... spectacle with profound meditations ... his work grabs you by the throat ... it proves that art can be funny, poetic and profound ... it is as simple or as complex as you want it to be." All this in praise of a blown-up textile pattern or perhaps an arrangement

of Smarties done in an idle Incidentally, how does a calf preserved in "deadly poison" have "eternal life"? Yours sincerely,

Journalists who attend meetings of this kind, and then do a W. K. HARPER hatchet job on their host, are Tunstall, the cause of the "anodyne Stoke-on-Trent views" and "carefully mani-cured" words that Polly Toyn-9 November bee deplores. Yours faithfully, TESSA BLACKSTONE Master, Birkbeck College ELIZABETH SYMONS General Secretary The Association of First Division Civil Servants London, SW1 From Mr J. T. Turnbull Sir: Commiscrations to Polly Toynbee on her disappointment that her coffee morning with Hillary Clinton didn't turn out to be the feminist whinge-in she had hoped for. She responded by pouring score on the First Lady for the unpardonable sin of admitting to loving her husband, and castigated her for challenging the feminist dogma that single parenthood is a good thing (even while admitting that she

'Mother and child divided': How does a calf preserved in poison have 'eternal life'? Nick Turpin

Call for clarity on Nigeria debate

From Professor A. Bolaji

Sir: Regarding the ongoing debate on your pages between Anita Roddick (Another View, 28 November) and your correspondents (Letters, 1 December) on Shell and Ogoniland, the central issue seems to be getting out of focus.

The real issue is: are the operational standards of Shell in the Delta area of Nigeria comparable to its operational standards in other parts of the world – especially in the developed world? From all available reports, including those of your correspondent in Nigeria, David Orr (30 November and 1 December), the standards of Shell fall below what would be accepted in Europe and the US.

It is no defence for anyone to argue that a multinational operating in the Third World has to conform to the Third World business environment. The consequence of such an argument is that when nationals of a

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From Mr David Craig

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accents as resembling a Dublin

An Ulster accent is very dis-

tinct compared to one from the

South, as I am sure one would

week; us all drinking Guinness,

eating potatoes, and saying,

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What will he have next

gather from news items.

morning to ya"? Yours faithfully,

DAVID CRAIG

30 November

Belfast

Third World country and the international community become outraged at the business environment of that country, multinationals which have become part of the environment cannot claim innocence. That is the case with Nigeria, Shell and Ogoniland. The solution is an interna-

child care facilities.

Yours sincerely

RITTH LISTER

30 November

tional convention stipulating that multinationals are under an obligation to have comparable operational standards all over the world. As a first step, western countries should legislate that multinationals registered in their countries should conform to western operational standards in their operations in the Third World, just as the US Congress has legislated that US corporations cannot engage in corrupt practices abroad. That some will always break the law should not deter serious consideration of this approach. Yours sincerely, A. BOLAN AKINYEMI

London, W2 The writer is a former Nigerian Foreign Minister, now with the pro-democracy movement in Nigeria.

I'm sorry, I

From Mr G. Meynell Sir: I am having trouble with Walsh (Diary, 30 November) Health Service ethics. Is it wrong to use my money to jump the queue (as I grew up that the people of Belfast do not speak as if they require a I am afraid that he is guilty

I suppose all Independent readers but me believe the latter, but I am confused. Yours faithfully, G. MEYNELL

27 November

haven't a queue

thinking) or wrong to clog the queue if I can afford to

Organised fun From Ms Catherine Ennis

Sir: I was interested to read David Lister's article (17 November) describing a whole range of activities in London that are free of charge. Surprisingly, he omitted one of the longest running traditions in free events to be had in London the organ recital.

In the Square Mile of the City of London 100 years or so ago, lunchtime organ recitals were provided as an oasis of calm and inspiration for City employees. Today's audiences also include tourists and those who take in a concert as part of a day's outing to town. Here too is often a sanctuary for eat- London, EC2

ing a packed lunch. High-quality organists abound, despite a decline in church-going and From Mr William Rice therefore career opportuni-

More than in any other city in the world, a plethora of glorious music on fine organs in superb historic settings awaits the visi-tor to London, and not just in the City itself. From SW1 (Westminster Cathedral) to NW1 (St Marylebone Parish Church), WI (Grosvenor Chapel) to SEI (Southwark Cathedral), you can catch an organ concert each day of the week.

Yours faithfully, **CATHERINE ENNIS** Organist, St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall

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Off the Budget

Sir. I wish to express my disgust at the Budget proposal to reduce the amount of housing benefit paid to those, like myself, who are under 25 and live in private rented accommodation.

The proposal is designed to be an incentive to work. I visit the job centre twice a day, every day, and have applied for countless jobs without success. I am not unemployed by choice. To anyone under 25 the message is clear, ensure you've got a job, because if you dare lose it, the state will clobber you. Yours faithfully. WILLIAM RICE Port Glasgow

Duty to the truth

is right).
This was followed by the

social and sexual equality by

refusing the invitation to a

reception where the guest list

was based on privilege and

gender. Yours faithfully,

J. T. TURNBULL

London, SE3

Sir: Virginia Ironside (Dilemma, 30 November) perpetnates the lie that Pather Christmas isn't a lie but a myth, and indeed that myths aren't lies at all. It may be all right for parents, and adults in general, to repeat myths that they believe are true, such as God and heaven; but it is surely wrong to repeat myths that we know are false. I find it shocking that any responsible person should seriously argue in favour of telling children delib-

erate lies. Yours faithfully, Anna Freeman Leighton Buzzard

DAVID First Lady **AARONOVITCH** 'hatchet job'

Six: We wonder whether Polly Toynbee ("What have they done to Hillary?", 30 November) was at the same meeting we attended at the American

he nick your dustbin, offer him your compost heap. Otherwise you risk becoming one of those whose minor irritations turn inexorably into savage hatreds, whose lives are devoted to petty acts of aggrandisement and revenge. Almost every day we read of neighbours who fall out

because of the noise made by pet rabbits or, in one famous made by next door's breeding point of rodentine climax?). This week we have had the latest instalment in a 16-year hedge battle between pensioners Charles Stanton and Michael Jones. Back in 1971,

when Edward Heath was Prime Minister and T Rex were in the charts, Mr Stanton planted a row of fast-growing conifers at the bottom of his garden. Mr Jones watched as, over the years, the plants grew to 25ft, blotting out the sun's rays and casting his own garden into Stygian gloom.

In 1979, friendly discussion having failed, Mr J took action and solicitor's letters were exchanged. Meanwhile the cypresses shot above the 30ft mark. Eventually, Mr S grudgingly consented to the trees being reduced to 22ft, thus safeguarding his privacy against all but the lankiest of giraffes. But six years ago, the dis-

pute took a new twist. Mr J decided that 15ft was a better height, took the saw into his programmes. This would give own hands, and lopped off a most of them enough to whinge about until the Grim Reaper another 48 inches. Maggie went, the Gulf war was fought, Yugoslavia imploded. Over in Bournville.

interesting argument that ais-fers shouldn't speak the truth in case it played into the hands of the pro-family opposition! But perhaps Ms Toynbee could have struck a blow for injunctions were being granted and courts were giving rulings. Peace broke out in Ulster and finally, on Thursday, Mr Stanton lost his last case. He now faces a bill for £50,000 in costs. If Mr Jones has shown remarkable persistence, Mr

Stanton's behaviour represents ders of the modern world. It is

Stop! Restrain yourself. Bot-obstinacy taken to religious extremes - a life and a fortune offends thee, forget it. Should spent preserving a few ridicuspent preserving a few ridicu-lously tall plants from a much-

needed cutting. Why on earth did he do it? The answer is no doubt logical in its own terms, however hard it may be to sympathise with. Mr S may have believed in the inalienable rights of shrubs to grow, and regarded

tampering with them as interfering with nature. Or perhaps he reasoned that case, the intolerable racket Mr Jones's secret pruning broke a solemn compact; provhamsters (was there, perhaps, ing that the former teacher a bewhiskered Meg Ryan was one of those who, given an equivalent, given to crying out inch, would take a mile. A man axe to his neighbour's hedge will think nothing of encroaching on his boundaries and invading his garden. Sooner or later there would have been elderly orgies among the Stanton peonies and wrinkled rum-

bles between the ramblers. But Mr Stanton also almost certainly engaged in this dispute because he enjoyed it. The hedge row gave social shape and context to his life, where otherwise it might have been empty. Deprived by retirement of his power and influence, the hedge has been the focus of his considerable emotional and organisational energy. Bluntly,

he had nothing better to do. If so, the obvious remedy is displacement therapy: give the likes of Mr Stanton something else to worry about. Judges and magistrates should, for instance, have the power secretly to add such people to the panels of histeners and viewers employed by the BBC to provide feedback on

talk radio, where they can give sand natural shocks that English flesh is heir to.

Not only will this keep them out of the courts, it might also one of the Psychological Won- entertain the rest of us at the

comes a calling.

If this fails, they should be compelled to host their own late-night chat show on local vent to their feelings about the world - about hom-tooting cabbies, illicit conifer cutters, borny hamsters and all the other thou-

QUOTE UNQUOTE

Words can be sexy and eyes can be sexy. I don't think you need to see naked bodies writing around all the time - Meg Ryan, one of a growing number of film actresses who won't strip for the camera I cannot remember when I last saw a film, but I am told it is important nowadays to have a lot of nudity to make it sell to the public - Viscount Daventry, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire

The cut is nonsensical, totally irrational and deeply boring -Stephen Daldry, artistic director of the Royal Court Theatre, London, on the £5m cut in the Arts Council budget

The trouble with being off the drink is that you remember clearly the next morning what you did the night before, and when you're off the drink there's nothing worth remembering from the night before - Richard Harris, actor and reformed hell-raiser

I could play Camilla Parker-Bowles. I could ugly up for that - Joan Collins, when asked if she would star in a royal soap opera It was as if Brady and Hindley had got married and kept killing for 20 years - Howard Sounes, author of the first book on the West trial Marriage, not cohabitation, is the institution which is at the heart of the good society and let us not be reluctant to say so as a Church

Keeping the faith – and no messing

Dr George Carey is not the type to stand by while his church sanctions living in sin, says Andrew Brown

It is a curious commentary on the state of the Church of England that the Archbishop of Canterbury should make front-page news by announcing that marriage is preferable to cohabitation. Yet Dr George Carey has just reaped his most sustained harvest of favourable publicity since he was chosen by Mrs Thatcher, by speaking up this week in defence of the conventional fam-

ily at the General Synod.
It was not the first time Dr Carey has defended marriage: at the time of the David Mellor scandal he urged adulterous cabinet ministers to resign, on the grounds that anyone who systematically deceives his wife is not to be trusted in other areas of life. But this time his words had added dramatic effect, because he was rebuking his own church for producing a report advocating the abandonment of the use of the

phrase "living in sin". The problem the report was trying to tackle was that some evangelical priests have been refusing to marry couples who live together if they do not perform a public act of repentance, and even refusing to baptise their babies. But in criticising that puritanism, the report

accept cohabitation.

It was all a matter of nuance, but

Dr Carey saw the opportunity for

firm leadership and grabbed it with both hands: the public beating he

inable" that he should ever be unfaithful to his wife Eileen. This sort of loud self-confidence comes naturally to him. It is one of the qualities that makes him attractive to the evangelicals who lobbied hard for him as successor to Robert Runcie in 1990. Carey's appointment came as a big surprise; he had only been a diocesan bishop for two and a half years, and was a genera-tion younger than most of the men tipped for the succession.

His self-confidence immediately dropped him into a succession of diplomatic disasters: he said some opponents of women priests were guilty of "a very grave heresy"; his first visit to the Sudan led to the expulsion of the British ambassador there; on a trip to China he condemned bible-smuggling, which is a traditional Christian response to

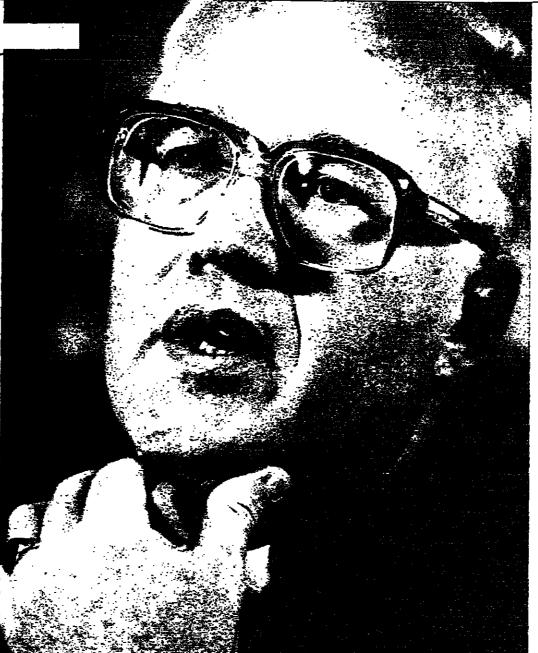
But nothing dents his brash approach for long. Last week he announced that he was to visit Sarajevo, to express his solidarity with the people there. Never mind the fact that there aren't any Anglicans in Sarajevo, Dr Carey sees himself as a world spiritual leader, as he told the United Nations in September;

such pushiness, the other half loves

exactly like the go-getting vicar he was when he first impressed a pow-

As Archbishop, he carries on

every minute.



vicar was known by a silly nickname

(Pit-Pat). He now dislikes the label

Carey's vision: vicar to the nation and world spiritual leader

book, the congregation was full of earnest high-mindedness, and the

ing and shrunken church, But it is all of a piece with the church through which he rose.

He was born in London's East End in 1935, the second of five children; his family, he says, were what the Bible would call God-fearers. They took their membership of the Church of England quite seriously, even if they didn't actually go," he told the author Mary Loudon, with

of evangelical, but his entire career in the Church of England has been within evangelical parishes or theological colleges; and his supporters are almost without exception evangelicals themselves. The term "evangelical" has little doctrinal meaning left. It is more a matter of style. When an archbishop says, as this one did vester-It was all a matter of nuance, but he saw the opportunity day, that life as an Anglican ought to be "tremendously exciting. for firm leadership and grabbed it with both hands

tremendously important, and tremendously full of surprises", you might expect a wave of embarrassment to run around the old-fash-ioned Church of England like a appeared to be saying that the and though half the Church of Eng- characteristically optimistic spin. Mexican cringe. But gentlemanly self-deprecation is old-fashioned moved to Dagenham in Essex, but now. The strength of evangelicals is he still refers to himself as an East now their confidence with power and modernity: their churches have Ender, and his appreciation of oldfashioned working class communi-ties and their values shines through the newest computer systems. They don't expect to be in decline, even when they are; they believe that the right combination of technique and

secular trends, however close to

home those may be. Two of Dr Carey's own four children have been through divorces and one is remarried. None has conabited though. And the whole family has stayed churchy; one son is a curate: one works on the Church of England Newspaper, and one is a stew-ard at the Archbishop's palace in

Dr Carev's confidence in the face of modern society's muddled values speaks to his battered church. Its membership is still declining but an optimist can point to the 200 churches planted in the past six years. Nearly 300 priests have left over the ordination of women; but an optimist points out that this number is far fewer than threatened to leave.

For decades the Church of Engcation, over-subtlety, and unnecessary intellectual refinement. Carey is bereft of these faults, and their concomitant virtues. He knows what he wants for the church and for the nation: "We have to get back to the kind of basic standards which come from a strong christian tradition and strong churches which are making their contribution to the life of our nation." Here is the certain trumpet. Will anyone be listening?

Glamour for Everygirl

Tamsin Blanchard examines the lasting magic of the Clothes Show

by hair and make-up teams, catwalk shows, bright lights, pulsating music, comera flash, leggy models and, to top it all, the Cheshire Cat grin of tash-ion king Jeff Banks. The Clothes Show Live event at his slightly camp brand of Birmingham's NEC staned vesterday and by the end of the weekend will have attracted almost 250,000 schoolgirls.

mothers, Dreams come true at Clothes Show Live. There is always the possibility of being scooped from the the world's largest catwalk, alongside superstar models like Jodie Kidd and Marcus Schenkenberg. It's designed to leave all partiei-

boyfriends and

pants on a high. But behind the glossy lipstick and the shimmering eyeshadow. The Clothes Show Live is big business. For many designers, it is as important as the trade shows held at the same venue twice a year. This weekend the designers get to meet their market and, more impor-Jodie Kidd walks

market gets to Clothes Show Live meet them. Last year £2,250 was spent every minute and by the end of the six-day period, visitors had parted with £8m.

For many designers, the annual event comes at a perfect time. They have just finished selling their collections for next summer and the event boosts eash flow in the run up to Christmas. In a business that is all about hype and marketing. it is the greatest promotional event of all with a captive mar-ket, over half of whom are

young women aged 16-25. The BBC's Clothes Show programme (there is also a highly successful spin off magazine) is 10 years old next year. It is something of a mystery to the TV executives who can't quite comprehend how the mix of high street bargains, designer frocks. and wedding dresses picks up some eight million viewers -39 per cent of the audience share on Sunday afternoon.

When Jeff Banks, then running his successful Warehouse

It is a Girl's World come to chain, and television producer Roger Cassiles made the first glamorous clothes, makeovers pilot of the Clothes Show in 1983, it took them three years before it was actually accepted. "No one wanted it." way Banks, "But I was obsessed about getenthusiasm are roth essential to the show's formula.

The first show went out in 1986 and after only three proolder sisterstheir grammes, its success was obvi-

the presenters. It's the insatiable thirst that the public has for the subject." Banks says. It was the first programme to freat fashion in any depth and is still, if not the only, one of a spare handful of nationally nerworked tashion programmes in the world.

Belove Closines Show, ordinary people felt intimidated fashion, Jeff Banks and the other presenters have introduced the public to designers' whose clothes most people can never hope to afford. The

clothes are made tantly, where their the catwalk at the accessible, modelled hy real people and catwaik trends are

translated for people whose lives do not revolve around hem lines. The show aims to include everyone, from brides tthe Bride of the Year compe-tition allows the winner to have a designer wedding) to the brownies (Jeff Banks redesigned their uniforms onscreen). This is fashion at its most basic, grassroots level.

By focusing on the personalities in the industry as much as the clothes, it has become a kind of Top of the Pops, a formula that appeals to everyone texcept for the snobbish fashion elite who tend to sneer). Ten years ago, the woman in the street would not have known who John Galliano was. Now, the designer is recognised in the street by autograph hunters. And while the postbags at the Clothes Show's Birmingham office keep on piling up. Jeff Banks' vision has paid off. On the fashion catwalk at the NEC. the music explodes, the models sashay and the crowds mar.

erful evangelical clique in Durham in the Seventies. Indeed, a recent administered to the report was all his comments on society. He quite unprecedented, and left the failed his eleven plus and left school Bishop responsible hoarse with pain church report described his office as at 15 with no qualifications. prayer will put the church back on and anger in his response. vicar to the nation as well as At the age of 18 he became a comthe road to growth. Dr Carey himself has been mar-"world spiritual leader". It is both mitted Christian in an old-fash-What they don't believe in is softioned evangelical church, where the ried since the age of 24; he once told a grandiose and a shrunken vision headed accommodation to modern an interviewer that it was "unimagthat may turn out to fit a flounderworship was straight from the prayer

A formula for reviving Irish spirits

Bill Clinton's visit was a great excuse for a great party. But it meant more, says David McKittrick

Beliast, as somebody once remarked, is not at all a typical Irish city: it has more in common with the Scottish or northern English cities that sprang up with the industrial revolution, and shares many of their characteristics.

In one of its aspects it is tough, dour, grumpy, with a take-it-or-leave-it attitude, a city of no airs and graces -personified, in fact, by Van Morrison, who this week served as the warm-up act for Bill Clinton at its city hall.

That facet has been to the fore ever since the paramilitary ceasefires of 1994, which were greeted with a mixture of relief and caution. It took the presidential visit to liberate another of the city's aspects, at last allowing it to show its warm, welcoming, even joyous face.

In doing so, the visit not only provided the occasion for a release of goodwill but also consolidated and cemented the peace process. It was more than just a great party: it may turn out to be a truly historic turning point, for in a single day almost all of the lingering doubts about the peace were swept away.

Many trials and obstacles will have to be surmounted in the months and years ahead, but this week's events have immeasurably strengthened the process. The preceding weeks had produced a series of ever-gloomier assessments from republicans, and latterly from security sources. Both elements warned that the process was becoming unstable as the arms decommissioning impasse dragged on. Tuesday night's Anglo-Irish summit, since over-shadowed by the Clinton visit, did much to relieve the pressures. Even in the absence of agreement between Dublin and London, its carefully balanced formula set up an internabonal body on decommissioning and moved towards talks. It was, in effect, an offer that, politically, Sinn Fein and the IRA could not refuse and, for the moment at least, it dispelled most of the dangerous tensions.



Clinton in Northern Ireland: the signs are that US involvement will reassure all parties Photograph: F. Spooner

While the ingenious intricacies of the summit communiqué have supplied a technical framework for the next few months, the Clinton visit delivered an extraordinary injection of momentum, enthusiasm, fresh heart and new spirit. His message that the violence was over for good was radiated back to him from the thousands who stood in the cold to hear him and cheer him.

On 31 August, on the first anniversary of the IRA cessation of violence, the streets in front of the city hall were empty: no one felt able to celebrate. On Thursday night, with Clinton as the catalyst, tens of thou-sands clapped, cheered, waved their US flags and finally allowed their

feelings to come out into the open. The fact that the crowd was made up of both Catholics and Protestants is a tribute to Clinton's political skills. Throughout 1994, his name was mud with Unionists as, in the face of stiff British opposition, he granted Gerry Adams visas to visit the States and allowed him to fund-raise there (a boon that has netted Sinn Fein hundreds of thousands of dollars and has

litical party). Clinton's is the first US administration to make a serious study of the politics of Northern Ireland, and certainly the first to intervene in them. No American president had ever visited Northern Ireland before this week, JFK

probably made it Ireland's richest po-

deciding in 1963 not to venture north

yesterday, remaining on good terms

of the border. This was largely because American administrations were perceived as pro-Irish nationalists. Indeed, many saw Clinton in this light in 1994. Since then, however, his position has evolved considerably: he has made particular efforts to mend fences with London while, as he demonstrated in Dublin

His warmest praise was reserved for SDLP leader John Hume, who clearly has a major input into American decision-making. But Clinton has also made a special effort to build bridges to Unionists, offering special access to

paramilitary groups.

Keeping all sides in the conflict reasonably happy is no easy task, but the tumultuous welcomes he received in Belfast and Londonderry showed he has succeeded in doing so, tHis coolest reception, from the Rev Ian Paisley. is regarded as pretty much par for the

establishing relations with loyalist

Clinton's popularity was not earned by retreating into anodyne generali-sations about peace. The most important messages in his speeches this week were that the violence must be over for good and that formerly violent prodigals should be welcomed into politics. He declared in Belfast: "You must be willing to say that those who renounce violence are entitled to be part of the democratic process.

In emphasising this last week he voiced no criticism of the British government but made it clear that his approach is the speedy construction of an inclusive settlement. In doing so he places more emphasis on the need for dialogue than London has displayed.

In his approach Clinton is of course hopeful of netting Irish-American votes, but his analysis goes much deeper than that. He, like Dublin, believes that the best way to deal with republicans is to draw them ever-deeper into the political net. He believes his decision to allow Adams into the States was vindicated in that it helped facilitate the IRA ceasefire.

The appointment of his close friend and ally George Mitchell as head of the decommissioning body is an indication that the US will remain a major player in the peace process. Many Unionists and many in Britain may have instinctive reservations about continuing US involvement, but the fact is that it is here to stay. This week all the signs were, from the people on the streets of Belfast, that they wholeheartedly approve of the fact that their peace process has become Unionist leader David Trimble and an international issue.

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with the Irish government.

obituaries/gazette

Simon Wolff

Last month the Chancellor of the Exchequer increased duties on super unleaded petrol. He did it because of Simon Wolff-in June 1994, Wolff convinced the House of Commons Transport Committee that unleaded petrol, especially super unleaded, replaced lead with yet more dangerous levels of cancer-causing aromatics.

This shooting down of a supposed "green fuel" repeated his feat when he was the first UK scientist to show, loud and clear and by evidence-based argument, that diesel fuel, by its residue of fine particles, causes more problems than it solves. As he sardonically said to MPs: the switch to diesel which is now taking place may well be a large-scale experiment in lung

Simon Wolff combined, as few do, campaigning zeal and campaigning success with true academic integrity. Of course the oil lobby were unhappy with his torpedoing of two of their carefully advertised "green fuels". But this did not make him yet another Identikit Green bore: rather he was distinct from most Greens in not falling for technical fixes such as unleaded fuels and catalysers when what was needed was to stop building new roads.

His work at the Medical School of University College London, where he worked first as Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer in Toxicology, from 1986, centred round the degenerative effect of free radicals and oxidants generally in the context of diabetes and ageing. His work was internationally recognised: he had over a hundred papers, and publications in Nature magazine and elsewhere, and contributed to many international

Frank d'Abreu gave unstinted

service for 23 years to West-

minster Hospital and Medical

cate, gentle and speedy surgeon with whom anaesthetists liked

to work - a good recommen-

dation. He was not an "acade-

mic" but full of sound clinical

judgement. Above all he had the

surgical equivalent of "green fin-

gers" so that patients did well

even when the complexities of

the surgery were great. In no

way a prima donna in the op-

syncratic way of challenging

his assistants to prevent any

mishap - a method of teaching

shaped by his puckish humour.

est was the Hospital of St John

and St Elizabeth, of which he

was an Honorary Surgeon from

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Catholic and to this small hos-

pital in St John's Wood, north

London, run by the Sisters of

Mercy, he gave generously of his

time and expertise. At the time

of his appointment it was a small

independent charitable hospi-

tal with its own nurse-training

school, a casualty department

and a 24-hour emergency ad-

mission service - which put po-

tentially huge demands on the

consultant surgeons. The hos-

pital took in patients of every

religion and none – but it had

in those days a special com-

mitment to the clergy of the

Archdiocese of Westminster.

D'Abreu gave freely of his time

and expertise in their care and

treatment for many years.

D'Abreu's other great inter-

D'Abreu was a skilful, deli-

School.



Wolff: 'Why build more roads?'

conferences. The outcome of his work could be drugs to reduce the danger for diabetics of cataract or even ways to slow the

Simon Wolff was active in

public from the time when in 1973, as a schoolboy (at Rugby School), he helped rescue Harold Wilson from drowning while he was boating off the Isles of Scilly where Wilson had a cottage. When Lindis Hallan (whom he married in 1988) and he moved to Archway Road, in Highgate, north London, in the late Eighties they found a battle under way against the Department of Transport's planned Archway motorway. A determined campaign had beaten off the department through four public inquiries: now officialdom branched out into a planned all-

London network of new roads. Wolff's thinking was, as al-ways, unusual in being direct and simple: if more traffic means more pollution, why build more roads? Apparently a simple thought, but one shied away from by political parties and professional environmentalists. Wolff absorbed the

Frank d'Abreu

The son of a Birmingham

doctor, d'Abren was born in

1904 and educated at Stony-

hurst College, in Lancashire. When he left in 1922 he was

Head of the Line (headboy),

captain of both cricket and rug-

by and a natural for any sport

he tackled. His interest in the

After graduation from Birm-

ingham University he proceed-

ed to Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1932. From 1934 to the outbreak of

the Second World War he held

registrar posts at St Bar-

tholomew's and Westminster

hospitals, in London. Already

a member of the Royal Army

Medical Corps (Supplemen-

tary Reserve), he was soon

out, finishing as Lieutenant-

Colonel in South-East Asia

Bowes-Lyon (a cousin of the Queen Mother), and a year lat-er was appointed a consultant

surgeon to Westminster Hos-

pital. To this hospital and its

medical school he gave service

for the next 23 years. He was

also an examiner in surgery at the Universities of Cambridge

and London and a member of

the Court of Examiners of the

Royal College of Surgeons.

Later he was to become med-

ical adviser and examiner to the

and served through

Sports Medicine.

field led to his becoming a couraging, cajoling and even member of the Board of Management of the Institute of times, when challenged, he

In 1945 he married Ann D'Abreu: surgical 'green fingers'

Archway spirit: intellect and fighting on the barricades. You need something to say - but you also need courage to say it whether or not officialdom deems it the right time and place. In 1990, a battered Cecil Parkinson, then Minister for Transport, conceded defeat for the first time in a quarter of a century Archway was safe and it was Wolff who helped make it so.

Scientists have dogmas as much as politicians or priests, but Wolff never minded a cleareyed look. He distrusted Pavlovian reactions to radioactivity and when it was reported that areas with more radon (a radioactive gas) have higher cancer levels (with the inference that the level of cancer was connected to the level of radon), he showed that these areas were usually economically better off. More car-driving with increased in-gestion of benzene, not radon, he argued, would have increased cancer levels. Again, he suspected that laying all ills at the door of tobacco was a move to exculpate worse pollutants. notably transport firmes, and would say, "Til stop smoking if you stop driving."

Simon Paul Wolff, taxicologist and campaigner: born Harborough Magna, Warwickshire 3 March 1957; post-doctoral research fellow, Brunel University, London 1984-86; Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Columbia University, New York 1984-86; Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer in

Toxicology, University College Medical School, London, 1986-95; married 1988 Lindis Hallan

(one son, one daughter); died London 25 November 1995.

sporting activities. Rugby, and

especially the Inter-Hospital

Championship, was his obses-

sion and one which undoubtedly

helped the Westminster team to

rise to great heights in the late

Fifties. Never was a match

played but he could be seen up

and down the touchline en-

would perform the unusual feat

of standing on his head whilst

drinking a glass of beer - to the delight of his students.

Francis Arthur d'Abreu, surgeon:

born 1 October 1904; Consultant

Surgeon, Westminster Hospital

1946-69 (Emeritus); Honorary

Surgeon, Hospital of St John and

St Elizabeth, St John's Wood

1950-69 (Emeritus); married

1945 Ann Bowes-Lyon (one

Philip King

Nan Macdonald

Macdonald: for 12 years organiser of the BBC's Northern Children's Hour

In an age when we read of the bundreds of thousands of pounds received by those regularly appearing on television and on radio, it is interesting to reflect that in the mid-1940s and at the height of his Have A Go fame, Wilfred Pickles drew the largest BBC audience recorded - yet would only accept a fee of precisely 18 guineas for each appearance he made on the BBC's Northern Children's Hour. Such was his tribute to the programme and in particular to Nan Macdonald, who was organiser of Northern Children's Hour from 1937 to 1949, for it was she who gave him his early range of broadcasting experience, along with Violet Carson, Derek Jacobi, Julie

Billie Whitelaw. As for the young Brian Redhead, perhaps it was just as well that he decided to give up playing the clarinet after his broadcast initiation on Macdonald's Young Artist programmes from Newcastle, in favour of

Andrews, Brian Trueman and

becoming a journalist. Nan, or Margaret Annie Macdonald as she was christened, was born of Scottish parentage in London, attending the North London Collegiate School. From there she read Classics at Girton College, me was Nan Macdonald. Each Cambridge, trained and led the BBC region had its own Chilchorus in Greek plays there, dren's Hour - and the one in then proceeded to a teaching post in Classics at Howell's ed exciting music from a wide School, in Denbigh. In 1934, she obtained a post with the BBC

in administration. The chance to become involved with programme-making came in 1936 when she was one of the few selected to take part in the BBC's very first Programme Training Course. There followed a period of attachment to London Children's Hour and to Derek McCulloch (who later became "Uncle Mac" at the advent of Children's Choice, on the BBC Light programme), and she gained further experi-ence of children's programmes working in Scotland. By the time

Macdonald was appointed as

North Region in the September of 1937, the nationally broadcast Children's Hour programme already consisted of material drawn both from London and from all the BBC regions so the new voice of "Nan" was immeprogrammes and not forgetting diately heard throughout Britain, as she introduced her

Network programmes from the largest of the BBC regions. It was Nan Macdonald who, in 1938, started the five o'clock programme for the youngest age group, Nursery Sing-Song. At 5.15pm, listeners in London and some or all of the other regions might then hear an episode of The Prince and the Pauper, the novel adapted for Macdonald by Joan Littlewood. At 5.45pm, Charles Holland, a plasterer, might be heard by Northern listeners as he told them of his experiences, or it could be William Bosworth,

with more colourful tales of his . As Northern Children's Hour organiser, Nan Macdonald always put her own stamp on the programmes. They had to inform and to educate - and in an entertaining way. As Charles Groves said, arriving in 1944 as the new conductor of the BBC Northern Orchestra, "One of Know Your Region. the first people to come and see

Manchester was Nan She wantrepertoire. I responded with alacrity." So began the Children's Hour Concerts, broadcast to the nation from the Milton Hali, Manchester. From the very day that re-gional broadcasting had re-sumed in July 1945, Northern Children's Hour was heralded by its own signature time, "On Ilk-ley Moor", recorded by Charles

> Margaret Annie "Nan" Macdonald, radio producer and presenter; born London 24 May 1908; organiser, Northern Chil-

wealth affairs. Bob Reid with his "London letter", the headmaster Harry Rée on current affairs - and besides all this, exciting serials, plays, music, features, poetry programmes, variety

Animals From Belle Vue Zoo. 'What does it eat? ... how long does it live?" were the usual questions which the curator. Gerald Iles, received from his wide-eved studio audience who were even allowed to hold the various exhibits. On one occasion Nan Macdonald took Gerald Iles on one of her regular broadcast entertainments for children in hospitals, and the matron of Leasowe Hospital, Liverpool, rang the BBC late that night to ask if someone might come and take away the snake which a young patient had secreted beneath the bed

Macdonald's post-war feature rogrammes included Walks With Wilfred (with Wilfred Pick-les) and Wandering With No-mad, while her invitations to a cross-section of her young audience to discuss her future plans in Listeners' Forum resulted in the long-running series scripted by Bertha Lonsdale,

Nan Macdonald left Northern Children's Hour at the end of 1949. For a period after this she was attached to Children's Television at Lime Grove, in London. Her first contribution to Children's Hour as a freelance contributor was a feature in 1953 for the Coronation, "A Thousand Years of Pageantry" Then and until the demise of the programme in 1964, Macdonald's name was frequently to be seen in the Radio Times as the adapter of a whole range of classic drama. She retired in 1972 and reverted to the privacy of

Margaret Annie Macdonald. Trever Potter

dren's Hour 1937-49; died 10 November 1995.

Dinesh Singh

and again in the Nineties. In between, he headed several othor ministries under five prime ministers before becoming minister without portfolio earlier

Ideologically flexible and fiercely ambitious, the dapper Singh, forever with an eye to the political main chance, switched parties in the Seventies when he was slighted by the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, for perpetuating rather foolbardy

Gandhi laid great stress on foreign policy and as her ex-ternal affairs minister, "kitchen cabinet" member and political troubleshooter, Singh worked closely with her through the Sixties. But, somewhat indelicately, Singh encouraged kints that his relationship with the wid-owed Mrs Gandhi was more than just political, a myth which briefly enhanced his status.

But when the rumours finally reached the prime minister's ears in 1971, Singh was dumped overnight and though he continued as an MP, Gandhi never accepted his peace offerings until her Congress (I) party was dislodged by the Janata Dal condition in the 1977 general elections.

Feeling slighted, Singh joined the Janata Dal which lasted a little over two years. He then managed to ingratiate himself with Gandhi, rejoined the Congress (I) and once again became an MP. But despite hectic lobbying and embarrassing displays of abject loyalty, which Gandhi encouraged, he never won back her trust or a berth in

Nor did Rajiv Gandhi, Indira Gandhi's son and successor forget Singh's indiscretion and political treachery. But Gandhi fils changed his cabinet every few months, and Singh's seniority and experience led to his being made the commerce

minister for a short while. But the present prime minister, Narasimha Rao, a great believer in the occult, felt that Singh was lucky for him and made him foreign minister in January 1993. And, though he suffered a stroke soon after, and could rarely attend office, Singh was retained in that post till early this year when he became

minister without portfolio. Dinesh Singh was born in 1925, the son of Raja Avadhesh Singh, the talukdar, or landed nobleman, of Kalakankar in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Though most rajas or rulers, and talukdars of Uttar Pradesh supported the British, Singh's family were staunchly nationalistic and committed to Mahatma Gandhi's freedom

His grandfather was one of the founder members of the banks of the sacred Ganges riv-er. Brijesh Singh, one of Singh's November 1995.

Dinesh Singh served as Indian uncles, was a fiery Communist foreign minister in the Sixties who married the Russian dictator Josef Stalin's daughter Svetlaga.

After graduating from Lucknow University in the north, Dinesh Singh was sent by the prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, a close family friend, as private secretary to the Indian ambassador in London and later Paris. In 1944 he married Neelima Kumari, princess of Tehri Garhwal, a small principality in the Himalayas.

On returning home from Paris in 1951, Singh temporarily became private secretary to Nehru and tried joining the diplomatic corps but was offered a position only in category "B" of the Indian Foreign Ser-vice. He declined, opted for polities and was elected to parliament for the first time in 1957 from Banda in Uttar

Singh was appointed deputy foreign minister by Nehru in 1962 and four years later Indira Gandhi promoted him to junior external affairs minister. A year later he attained cabinet



fore becoming foreign minister in 1969.

After falling from power, Singh discredited himself by refusing, despite widespread me-dia criticism, to move out of the palatial bungalow in Lutyens's New Delhi which had been allotted to him after he became a minister in the Sixties. He successfully lobbied succeeding housing ministers to permit him to stay.

A natty thesser, Singh was a distant and somewhat reserved person who wrote two books, Towards New Horizons (1971, the year he was dismissed by Mrs Gandhi) and India and the Changing Asian Scene (1973).

Kuldip Singh

Dinesh Singh, politician: born Kalakankar, Uttar Pradesh 19 July 1925; member, Lower House of Parliament 1957-77; member, Upper House of Parliament 1977-95; Deputy Minister for External Affairs 1962-66, Minister of State 1966-67, Minister 1969-71, 1993-95; Minister of Commerce 1967-69; Minister of Congress Party which led India's Industrial Development and Inindependence struggle and the ternal Trade 1970-71; Ministe Mahatma was a frequent house without portfolio 1995; married guest at the family house on the 1944 Neelima Kumari (six

Winifred Ferrier

Elizabeth Forbes [obituaries, 10 Marks & Spencer. She also November] rightly stresses the had a book on teaching arith-Ferrier gave to her famous published by Arnolds. sister Kathleen, writes Helen

Anderson. But she was distinguished in her own right.

great support that Winifred metic in the primary school Mention should be made too

of the large part played by Winifred in the successful When she relimquished the launching in 1993 of the Kathresponsibilities of full-time head leen Ferrier Society, of which teacher to give more time to she was President, and to Kathleen and her father she was taken on as a dress designer for memorabilia.

Births, **Marriages**

& Deaths

DREW-SMYTHE: To Lisa (nee Brady) and David, a daughter, Jessi Jean, born 1 December 1995, Sydney, SPACKMAN: On 24 November 1995, to Anne (nee Covington) and David, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, a sister for Thomas and William.

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Prince Edward tomorrow attends a Christ-mas carol concert given by the Epworth Chur in support of the Chidren's Hospice Appeal, at the New Victoris Theatre, Wok-ing, Surrey. Princess Alexandra, President, tosporrow attends a carol concert in aid of the Children's Country Holidays Fund at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SE 10.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard TODAY: The Household Cavalry Mount-ed Regiment mounts the Ouecu's Life Guard at Horse Geards, Ham; Ist Bat-Guard at Movee Courtes, Trans, iss some tailou the Oueen's Lancashire Regiment mounts the Oueen's Guard, at Bucking-hase Palsee, 11-30am, band provided by the Welsh Guards. TOMORROW: The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Illam.

Birthdays

Jockey Club.

Command.

TODAY: Sir Maurice Bathurst QC, international judge, 82; Sir Frederic Beamett, former MP, 77; Mr Timothy Boswell MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 53; The Hon Nicol Colder Science writer 64: Nigel Calder, science writer, 64; Professor Sir Alan Cook, former Professor Sir Alan Cook, former Master, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 73; Sir Prank Cooper, chairman, High Integrity Systems Ltd, 73; Sir David Davies, former chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 86; Mr Mike England, football manager, 53; Mr Ian Finlay, former Director, Royal Scottish Museum, 89; Mr David Green, director of Voluntary Service Oversess, 47; Mr Michael Service Overseas, 47; Mr Michael Green, chairman, Cariton Comminications, 48; General Alexander Haig, former US Secretary of State. 71; Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, former Chief of the De-fence Staff, 62; Miss Julie Harris, ac-tress, 70; Miss Patricia Hewitt, Head tress, /U; Muss Faincia Hewitt, rieau of Research, Andersen Consuling, 47; Sir George Labouchere, former ambassador to Spain, 90; Dr Brian Lang, chief enecutive and deputy chairman, British Library, 50; Mr Roy Moss, vice-chairman, Allied Domeou, 66; Dame Winifred Prentice, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 85; Miss Monica Seles, tennis play-85; Miss Monica Seles, tennis play-er, 22; Mr Alex Smith, MEP, 52.

TOMORROW: Mr Trevor Bailey, former England cricketer, 72; Mr Ralph Bennett, former chairman, Raiph Betmett, former chairman, London Thansport, 72; Professor Ian Butterworth, former Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, 65; Mr Charles Craig, operatic tenor, 76; Mr Mike Gibson, former Irish rugby international, 53; M Jean-Luc Godard, film director, 65; Sir William Harpham, former ambassador, 89; Mr Maxwell Hutchinson, architect and founder member septents. son, architect and founder member, the Hutchinson Studio, 47; Sir Brian Jenkius, former Lord Mayor of London, 60; Professor Geoffrey

He was always supportive of son, two daughters); died 16 the students, especially in their November 1995. Kirk, Emeritus Professor of Greek, Cambridge University, 74; Mr Franz Klammer, skier, 42; Mr Ralph McTell, guitarist, 51; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, theatrical designer, 81; The Rev Professor Charles Moule, theologian, 87; Mr Paul Nicholas, actor and singer, 50; Mr Victor Pasmore, artist, 87; Mr Robert Phillis, deputy Director-General, BBC, and chairman, BBC World-wide, 50; Mr Mel Smith, actor and

> Anniversaries TODAY: Births: Sir Francis Car-TODAY: Births: Sir Francis Car-ruthers Gould, caricaturist and politi-cian, 1844; Georges-Pierre Seurat, painter, 1859; Maria Anna Cecilia Sofia Callas (Kalogeropoulos), op-eratic soprano, 1923, Deaths: Mar-garet of Angoulème, Queen of Henry II of Navarre, 1549; Donatien-Alphonse François, Marquis de Sade, writer and philosopher, 1814; John Brown, abolitionist, executed 1859; Brown, abolitionist, executed 1859; Philip Arthur Larkin, poet, 1985. On this day: the new St Paul's Cathedral was opened, 1697; Napoleon was crowned Emperor in Paris by Pope Pius VII, 1804; Birkbeck College, London, was founded, 1823; King Camp Gillette patented the first safety razor, 1901; the first atomic ple started operating in Chicago. 1942. started operating, in Chicago, 1942. Today is the Feast Day of St Bibiana or Viviana, St Chromatius of Aquilea, St Nounus and St Silvar of Constantinople.

TOMORROW: Births: Nicolo Amati, violin-maker, 1596; Samuel Crompton, inventor of the spinning mule, 1753; Sir Rowland Hill, orig-inator of the penny post, 1795; Joseph Courad (Jósef Redort Konrad Nalecz Korzeniowski), novelist, 1857. Deaths: St Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552; Alessandro Par-

Children's Hour Organiser man to talk about Commonnese, third Duke of Parma, military commander, 1592; Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson, novelist, 1894; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, 1910; Pierre-Auguste Renoir, painter, 1919; Sir Oswald Ernald Mosley, Fascist leader, 1980. On this day: the newly built Alhambra Theatre opened in London, 1883; the Home Guard "stood down" with a parade of 7,000 in Hyde Park, London, 1944; Dr Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant, South Africa, 1967. Tomorrow is the voice-Chancellor, Liverpool John Moores University, 56; Mr Andy Williams, singer, 65. First Sunday in Advent and Feast Day of St Cassian of Tangier, Saints Claudius, Hilaria and their Com-panious, St Francis Xavier and St

TODAY

Dinners

Lectures

Lucius of Britain.

National Gallery: James Heard, "Gold (ii): Crivelli, The Virgin and Child and Saints (The Denadoff Al-tarpiece)", 12pm. Victoria and Albert Mescum: Louis Hofman, "Christianity: church

plate", 2.30pm.
British Museum: Delia Pemberton, "Ancient Egyptian Textiles", 1.15pm.

TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Panoramic Paintings", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Wendy Nelson-Cave, "Richard and Maria Cosway: Regency artists of taste and fashion", 3pm.

ourable Artillery Company Col Sir Colin Cole, President, Honourable Artillery Company Mess Chib, was in the chair at a dirmer held yesterday evening at Armoury House, London ECl. Capt J.H. James, Lt-Gen Sir William Rous and

A foretaste of heaven found in Armley

Stay in the city by all means, but remember the social gospel is not enough. We know the text: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." And of course have done it unto me." And of course works of charity are necessary to raise the practice of religious faith above the level of sentimentality and pietistic share but the essence of religion is not social work with prayers. It must offer transforming spiritual experience or are is nothing, a foundation built on sand.

I should give an example of what I am getting at

Groves and the BBC Northern

Orchestra, Now, in a different

age and broadcasting to a far

wider audience, Nan Macdon-

ald's seven-day output includ-

ed film reviews by John Stratton, a monthly Children's

Newsreel, there was John Coat-

when I was a boy of 17 and growing up in downtown Leeds between Armley iall and the gaswidts, I went one morning to the parish church of St Bartholomew. As I stepped inside, the service had already begun. Here comes the golden cross, the Crucifer in his alb and behind him the choir in rist all white. bind him the choir in red and white. Servers, acolytes, the vicar and two curates in their festival vestments.

They were singing "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem" to the awesome tune "Westminster". I felt I had died, for heaven must be like this. The mighty Schulze organ, crowned with the carved angel of the apocalypse, growled and roared. Then it calmed down and sounded like a single clarinet in paradise over the words:

From the celestial realms descending Bridal glory round thee shed, Met for him whose love espoused thee, to thy Lord thou shalt be led. It could not be true, could it? There was

provisation by the organist in the last verse. Fathers and sons coupled together. It could That is how it was in Armley all those years to Himself.

a roar of bass notes and a terrifying im-

This week the General Synod debated the report Faith in the City, published 10 years ago.

Wherever religion is practised, Peter Mullen argues, its essence is not social work and prayers. not be true, could it? The prayers began:

"O God for a smuch as without thee, we are not able to please thee ..." Never mind the school lessons: this is what the English language is for. A short sermon and soon it was the Communion. Going forth to the high ai-

thine altar, O Lord; and dwell on thy holy hill . . . "

keep silence ... "Another prayer in the not just a social centre. No one ever asked magical, God-haunted language and then what it was all for. Unlike today's Church, Haydn: "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore utilitarianism didn't enter into it. It was him." And in the silence a holy thump as not citual as a sign of something political, the congregation knelt. The silence shat-tered by the summons to action that be-every Sunday morning led into the Real gins Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Presence. There wasn't much social work,

faith preason ago. And not just in Armley, but all over the scruffy side of Leeds and in all the great Victorian industrial cities. Religion as a living foretaste of heaven.

The churches which provided this weekly glimpse of the beatific vision were all on the wrong side of town. In Leeds St Bartholomew's, Armley, St Stephen's, in Holbeck; St Mary's, Hunslet – poor parishes all of them: sum parishes, even. There was no patronising Noddy language but the full juice of the fruit: the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. I never heard anyone complain that this was the terminology of elitists. We were all chitists for we knew we had not just the best but something incomparable. Did we understand it? In religion it is never a case of theoretical understanding but of gradually, by habit and use, entering a world At any rate we knew there is no such thing as profound truth in trashy language.

We were much poorer than most of to-day's inhabitants of the inner city but we

tar for the first time made sense of the Psalms, made me feel as if I was inhabiting the Psalmist's world: "I will ascend unto fix charity. On the contrary, it was the poor who gave for all they were worth to the church - for the excellent reason that the The aromatic blend of ritual and red church and what went on there was the wine. Eight candles flickering. The Schulzes centre and source of all true value.

again, but restrained: "Let all mortal flesh."

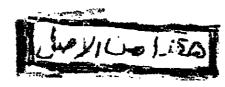
We had pride. We had a centre that was

minor. And we all went home.

Coleridge said, "I am weary of evidences, but make men feel religion."

but there was transcendence. We looked up through all that music, light and poetry; and what we looked up to drew us





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IN BRIEF

The electricity industry has been told to establish a new exec-

utive body to implement deregulation in 1998 and to set out a

detailed plan by the end of January. The recommendations were in a report from PA Consulting commissioned by the electricity regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild. He said the main re-

sponsibility for the changes, which will introduce competition

Completion expected for Bancorp sale

British Gas reduces rises for shippers

British Gas has cut back and delayed planned increases in the

charges for gas shippers who use its pipelines, to nearly half the level announced in September. Overall charges will increase by

1.9 per cent compared with almost 4 per cent, which was first proposed. The move follows pressure from shippers, which account for 40 per cent of the market.

Bank of Western Australia (BankWest), which was bought by the Bank of Scotland for A\$900m in September, said offers for the fluat of 49 per cent of the Perth-based bank are expected

capital. Despite this, Bank of Scotland's shares rose 13p to 285p.

come as early as Monday. On Thursday, Swalec rejected an in-

formal 916p-a-share offer to secure board agreement, and Welsh

Kvaerner has lifted its stake in the UK contractor Amec by an-

other 1.1 per cent, taking its holding to 18.1 per cent. The Nor-

wegian company is on Monday expected to release the terms

of offer for the preference shares, which analysts now believe

Welsh Water in Swalec discussions

Water said a hostile bid was one of its options.

Kvaemer lifts Amec stake

will involve some sort of loan note.

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Coal Investments calls for 'rescue funds'

DAVID HELLIER

The future of Malcolm Edwards, the former British Coal commercial director, was in doubt yesterday as his coal-mining group said it planned to raise further capital in what is being

seen as a "rescue rights" issue. If the issue of new equity goes ahead - and market sources suggest that it will need to be priced at a beavy discount - it will be the fourth time the company has been to the mar-ket for new funds in the two Sure about Mr Edwards' abili-

my said its bankers and shareholders wanted Mr Edwards, who is currently executive chairman, to remain with the group. "He is very valuable to the business," one source said. But they added that they would try to strengthen senior management to bring in somebody to perform the chief executive's

years since taking over parts of British Coal. ty to stay on. "He may be a good salesman but the City is defi-nitely questioning Mr Edwards" ability to run a public company after this," one City coal an-

alyst said yesterday.
In October Mr Edwards told an annual meeting of the com-pany's shareholders that the group would be profitable by well before the end of the financial year".

The group, which bought a number of pits from British Coal including Hem Heath, Silverdale and Markham, has

costs whilst adversely affecting

Yesterday's announcement came after a sharp fall in the share price of Coal Investments. The price of the shares fell 26p to 30p at their low point as investors worried about the company's ability to continue paying its suppliers. The shares closed at 35p, down 21p.

The company said it "has agreed terms with its bankers for the removal by them of cer-

cilities in order to enable the

company to meet its currently anticipated cash requirements."
"However", it added, "an injection of further capital will be required in order to achieve the company's planned level of production."

The company is expected to raise between £10m and £20m but some coal industry experts doubted whether this would be anything like enough to ade-quately imance the full-scale de-

been beset by production prob-lems that have ratcheted up extension of existing credit fathe support of the banks, is working on proposals for an issue of further equity, the detailed terms of which are expected to be announced during the first quarter of next year", the company said.

Mr Edwards fought and lost a hard and hitter campaign last year against Richard Budge of RJB Mining to buy the bulk of the English assets of British

Sky wars: Broadcaster's shares slump as pressure from small cable companies produces inquiry

Regulator investigates BSkyB grip on pay-TV

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

BSkyB's tight grip on the pay-TV market was yesterday thrown into doubt as the Office of Fair Trading announced a wide-ranging inquiry into the broadcaster's near-monopoly

Shares in the BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by Rupert Mur-doch's News Corporation. plunged 8 per cent in mid-day trading, before recovering to close at 428.5p, down 5.5p. At risk are the company's

operators, as well as its exclusive sport deals, particularly for football. Jonathan Helliwell, analyst at James Capel, said: The share price is bound to be volatile on the way down, just as it has been on the way up." The OFT is looking into

whether BSkyB's contracts to broadcast sport, including Premier League football, exciusively, are a breach of competition law. Sport has been the key driver of the company's success, and any loss of sport revenue would have an impact on its profitability, analysts said.

The OFT's announcement follows months of complaints from small cable companies. which accused BSkyB of abusing its dominant position in the nopolies and Mergers Com- to levy fines immediately. mission inquiry was headed off early this year by informal un-dertakings agreed with BSkyB. age of measures, including new dertakings agreed with BSkyB. age of measures, including new powers for the OFT to seize approach to restrictive practices and estimate approach to restrictive practices. It is then up to the defendant to challenge

by the cable operators to have been wholly inadequate.

They believe that BSkyB has a near-monopoly in both film and sport programming in the UK and controls access to pay-TV systems through its domi-nation of conditional-access technology. They have also criticised the way BSkyB bundles its channels for wholesale distribution to cable operators.

BSkyB said yesterday it pledged full co-operation to the director-general of the OFT, John Bridgeman.

But Sam Chisholm, chief executive of BSkyB, lashed out at the complaining cable companies, accusing them of "using the



OFT hampered by slow system

Vision, guts and a near-monopoly: Rupert Murdoch (left) and Sam Chisholm of BSkyB

regulatory process to further their businesses rather than conditional-access technology. building their networks and

serving their customers." BSkyB has said in the past that the cable operators should

"Anybody could do what we did," Mr Chisholm told the Independent earlier this year. "But only Murdoch had the vi-

Steven Wagner, chief executive of International CableTel, which has led the battle against BSkyB, said: "I am delighted. It is fortunate there is a new di-

the competition authority rul-

legislation, an area where the

Government said in 1993 it

does not intend to introduce a

prohibition approach.

John Bridgeman, the direc-

tor-general of Fair Trading, has

also suggested to Mr Lang that

the OFT should be given the

power to make direct references

of mergers to the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission, a

ing in court.

to act or has made matters worse. I hope after this exercise there will be a more balanced marketolace. Alan Bates, chief executive of

Bell Cablemedia, said: "I am very pleased that after such a long time of living with a very one-sided, dominant monopoly. the cable industry and the consumer can look forward to a fairer market.

But not all cable operators welcomed the news. The two biggest operators, Telewest and Nynex CableComms, have signed long-term supply agree-ments with BSkyB, and confirmed in the past that they were satisfied with the terms of orogrammme supply from BSkyB. We are very disappointed by this," a spokesman for Nynex CableComms said.

The split in the cable industry has worsened in recent months, following the signing of the long-term deals in May and the collapse of two pay-perview, cable-exclusive programming ventures.

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any right to be," said Jim Murray,

Whisky Writer of the Year, 1994,

off the still

The OFT's investigation into BSkyB's sports contracts comes under an old and cumbersome piece of legislation which the Government has promised to

PETER RODGERS

Business Editor -

and Industry has indicated that it will give the OFT powers to prohibit restrictive practices as studying whether to introduce which is used by the European soon as they come to light and some of the changes without Commission's competition aupay-TV market. A call for a Mo- soon as they come to light and This would be part of a pack-

documents and raid premises, procedure, under which agreewhich the Government annonneed that it favoured as long ago as 1993. However, promised legisla-

tion to implement the powers has failed to materialise in successive Queen's Speeches. Ian Lang, the President of the The Department of Trade Board of Trade, is to publish a it subsequently ignores a ban denew consultation document on the issue early next year and is full-scale legislation.

The promised prohibition

ments between firms must be The other investigation into BSkyB's position in the pay-TV market is under monopolies They are then sent to the Re-

strictive Practices Court to decide whether they should be banned This is time-consuming, and a company is only penalised if

cided upon by the court. The prohibition system,

thority, has the advantage of allowing immediate bans on

power Mr Bridgeman now has only for monopoly inquiries. Tunnel debt sold

on at 37%

DAVID HELLIER

One of the bank lenders to Eurotunnel, the struggling oper-ator of the Channel Tunnel, has sold its £5m debt in the company on the secondary market for 37 per cent of its value.

According to secondary debt market dealers this is the low-est price the debt has reached in the market. Gary Klesch, whose compa-

ny is a key trader in the secondary bank debt market, said: "I see the price going lower still because there is a potential overhang of debt, especially bearing in mind the fact that one-third of it is owned by the Japanese banks, many of whom are keen to sell."

According to Mr Klesch, the Japanese banks are under government pressure to make provison for as much doubtful overseas debt as possible.

When Eurotunnel declared a standstill on interest payment on junior debt in September, the company's price on the debt market fell from an offer price of around 70 per cent to 50 per

Eurotunnel's main agent banks - Midland, National Westminster, Banque Nationale de Paris and Crédit Lyonnais - are trying to put a refinancing package together. But bankers do not expect. this to be finalised until the spring of sext year at the

"There's a lot of work to be done, in many different areas of the world, and it's not going to be resolved overnight," one banker said.

Shares in Eurotunnel closed the day down 3p at 92p.

GEC's Yarrow wins £600m Brunei job

into domestic electricity supply, rested with the electricity com-panies and generators. There has been mounting criticism of RUSSELL HOTTEN

GEC's Yarrow Shipbuilders. on Clydeside, has won a con-NatWest Group is expected to complete the sale next week of tract to build three patrol vesits New Jersey-based US retail banking arm, Bancorp, for a sum sels for Brunei, thought to be worth about £600m. believed to be over £2bn. Speculation as to the buyer has centered on Fleet Financial, the acquisitive New England bank, as well as the Bank of New York, First Fidelity and Nationsbank.

The company, struggling un-der a lack of orders, said the HSBC, the London-based international bank which owns Midwork would help to secure jobs, land, took an early interest but is believed to have pulled out but was unlikely to stop the 400 of the running. Nat West Group has decided to abandon its poredundancies announced in September. "It is a major consition as a small retail player in the US, switching the resources into building up its investment banking activities in New York. tract," a spokesman said.

GEC is also awaiting news on a UK order for up to three Type 23 frigates, which may be announced next week. Both GEC and its competitor for the contract, the Solent-based Vosper more than 500 jobs will be lost

Thornycroft, have warned about the implication for jobs if they lose the tender. The Brunei order is for the

design, construction, and integration of the weapons system, but several months' work has to carried out on the specifications before building work starts. Delivery of the first vessel is scheduled for the year 2000.

With so few defence contracts around, analysts say that unless GEC wins the forthcoming tender from the Ministry of Defence for frigates it will have to shed more jobs from its 2,500strong workforce.

Vosper Thornycroft said

if it loses the order to Yatrow. cern within parts of the Gov-James Arbuthnot, Defence Procurement Minister, said: "I am delighted that the UK has won this important order, against strong world-wide com-petition."

Meanwhile, Mr Arbuthnot yesterday appeared to underline attempts by the Government to forge a new industrial defence strategy that would not just involve European collaboration.

"We are looking, from as early as possible in the life of projects, at every possibility for collaborative procurement not just with Europe but also with

the USA," he said. There had been some con-

ernment that defence procurement was being done solely by links with Europe. While projects such as Eu-

rofighter and the concept of a European Armament Agency were important, Mr Arbuthnot said the Government could not ignore other parts of the world.
"The UK defence industry has a strong foothold in the USA. and there are good opportuni-ties to build on this."

He said the MoD was trying to improve its relationship with

the Department of Trade and Industry. Both departments would work more closely in the

evaluation of bids.

purpose is to raise funds for the IFAW, is a further example of

Tesco hits out at 'misleading' ad

NIGEL COPE

to open on 8 January. Standard & Poor's, the rating agency, lowered its long and short-term ratings of Bank of Scotland debt by one notch due to the impact of the purchase on the bank's Tesco, the supermarket group, has made a formal complaint to the Advertising Standards Authority about an animal rights advertisement which is attempting to stop the culling of seals in Canada.

eals in Canada.

The International Fund For a stood by its advertisement and planned to run it in other news-The board of British Airways yesterday agreed a restructuring of middle and senior management. A number of staff are like-Animal Welfare (IFAW) ran a ly to go or be redeployment because the new chief executive, Robert Ayling, wants to streamline the reporting structure. full-page advertisement in one of yesterday's newspapers calling for Tesco chairman Sir Ian MacLaurin to ban Canadian tinned salmon in its stores in Welsh Water was in intensive discussions yesterday with its adorder to increase pressure on the Canadian authorities to visers over whether to launch a hostile £850m bid for Swalec, the South Wales electricity company, which the City believes could stop the culling.

Under a graphic illustration, the advertisement headline runs: "Every tin of Canadian salmon Tesco sells is another blow Sir Ian."

Tesco said it had made the complaint because it felt that the advertisement could be misinterpreted. The company said yesterday: "Tesco does not con-

leading. We do not feel it is our role to make moral judgements on our customers' behalf. It is up to [them] to make an informed choice. We label our products clearly and display literature in the stores to enable them to do this."

papers. It pointed out that it did not intend to harm Tesco, and had held discussions with the company before the advert appeared. The group had chosen Tesco for its promotion be-cause Sir Ian had made a stand gainst selling Canadian fish in 1984. But the supermarket chain said that that situation had been different as it had involved baby seals.

The animal rights group also said that, in refusing to help to stop the killing, Tesco was inadvertently supporting the trade in seals' penises, which are rein seals' penises, which are regarded as an aphrodisiac in the Far East. Tesco said: "That High Commission said: "This done the practice of seal culling the Far East. Tesco said: "That High Commission said: "This dents have signed up fo but we believe this advert is mission is completely wrong. This has cynical campaign, whose main company's student card.



branded 'cynical' by Canada

The Canadians say the culling

nothing to do with us. We think [this] trade is appalling. But it has nothing to do with timied salmoπ.≈

... alarmist propaganda. If this technique is allowed to prevail it will not end with one supermarket chain or one product." The commission said that the culling had to be done to curb the burgeoning population of harp seals in the North Atlantic. It added that the number of seals had doubled to 5 million in the past five years, and that each seal can consume up to 1.4m tonnes of fish per year. The commission also said that only

clubbed. The rest are shot. In a separate development, Tesco yesterday mailed out £40m of money-off and product

offers to holders of its loyalty card. Members who have collected over 40 points, between 16 October and 12 November, will also be sent a turkey youcher worth £3.55. Tesco's Clubcard has over 6 million members, and more than 170,000 students have signed up for the

3 per cent of seals are still

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An excited City hails Biotech as 'next Glaxo' Is British Biotech the next Glaxo or just als next year, with Glaxo Wellcome itself on the face of it, yesterday's announcement picking up the bill. Glaxo Wellcome is also that the Office of Fair Trading is to investigate the terms of Sky's supply of programas the former. The success of clinical trials

on its BB-2516 cancer drug sent the shares soaring to £21 yesterday before falling back again. The finance director, Jim Noble, tried vainly to dampen the hysteria by warning that the drug had many obstacles to overcome before it becomes commercially available, possibly in three years, but he failed. Everyone likes a stock market wonder company and in British Biotech we seem to have

Mr Noble's caution is understandable as well as reponsible. It prevents millions of cancer sufferers being offered false hope. It also allows the company to continue its development without being saddled with the wonder-drug tag. But the City is not easily side-tracked from the sniff of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice and the talk is of huge potential for the drug and huge share price potential for the company.

While extremely encouraging, the cancer data is very preliminary. However, British Biotech is more than a one-drug company. What really impresses analysts is the range of drugs the company has under development, all with enormous potential. This weekend British Biotech will release progress reports on another drug, BB-10010, which protects the immune system of 10010, which protects the immune system of patients undergoing chemotherapy. Its arthritis drug, BB 2983, goes into clinical tri-Murdoch's BSkyB has finally borne fruit?

paying for phase-two clinical trials for British Biotech's asthma drug. While health regu-lators need to be 100 per cent sure of a drug to give it approval, the stock market is not so demanding. If there is an even chance of position seriously. British Biotech getting at least some of its products to market it will be enough to drive the share price, say analysts.

Gone are the days when the big pharma ceutical companies threw expensive combinations of drugs at mice and men. British Biotech, with its intellectual base in Oxford University, sells itself as a company trying to provide solutions to the root causes of complaints which either affect millions or are very expensive to treat. Cancer has always been the great Holy Grail of modern medicine and the potential market is enormous if the drugs are good enough. With royalty agreements already in place Glaxo Well-come is already hovering on the sideline. For the time being UK institutions are so convinced of the potential that anything less than a silly price would fail to tempt them. The upside for this stock still looks huge.

A first step to reining in Murdoch

ming to cable operators is a sign that the Government (the DTI and OFT at any rate)

There is much at risk for BSkyB, which has acquired a powerful position in the UK television market by offering film and sport unavailable elsewhere. Cable operators, following efforts to develop their own sources of Hollywood product and top-level sport, gave in, and accepted that they would have to buy wholesale from Sky.

The problem from the cable operators' point of view was that BSkyB could set the price and the terms of supply. It could bun-die channels together, obliging them to take both movie channels, for example, if they wanted to offer their subscribers Disney. A number of "informal undertakings" between the OFT and BSkyB failed to offer much remedy. Even after Sky's channels were ostensibly meant to be offered à la carte, cable operators found that they still had to take at least one movie channel if they wanted to get Disney. Typically for a com-pany run along Mr Murdoch's preferred lines, every concession by BSkyB seemed to hide yet another condition. For every one issue on which the company apparently gave way, another two would emerge - vintage

This has become more than just a com-

cannot be allowed to leverage its analogue dominance to take over the digital world as well. The OFT inquiry is a first step: wholesale programming must be available on transparent, unbundled terms. Next, the anti-competitive clauses some of Sky's contracts (with Nynex, Telewest and the Premier League, for a start) must be quashed. Down

access must be whittled down. Finally, with the likely full-scale commercialisation of the BBC, the consolidation of the ITV sector and the advent of digital, it may even be time to bring BSkyB under more direct regulatory control. Why should Sky, unlike all the monopoly ITV companies, be able to avoid full and frank regulation? Clearly these are not matters for the OFT but at least Mr Bridgeman has realised that someone has to make a start.

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Granada close to its goal

ess than two weeks into the Forte Aakeover battle and the Granada share price is already beginning to creep back from the drubbing it received in the immediate aftermath of the company's £3.2bn bid. Gerry Robinson, chief executive, still has a task to perform in convincing the City of the

mercial battle. Reining in Mr Murdoch has become an issue of public policy in the light of the advent of digital technology. BSkyB as vulnerable as ever. There is enormous disto get there. In the meantime Forte looks illusion among institutional shareholders with this company. If Mr Robinson's task is still a hard one, Forte's is doubly so.

Forte's first formal defence document is out next week but unless there is something unexpected to pull out of the hat it is hard to see how it can further the arguement very much. The track record is poor. While it might be possible to put some fancy sum-ofthe-parts valuation on the company, such exercises are only meaningful if management is prepared to put the valuation with a wholesale breakup. Does Sir Rocco Forte really want to do that? He seems prepared to go further than Granada on this front but

not the whole hog.

The other traditional strategy in a bid defence is to attack the bidder. Here again Forte is going to find it hard going. Unless there is an Achilles' heel we do not know about. Forte is not going to be able to fault Granada on financial performance. In accounting terms, too, the company looks squeaky-clean.

The commercial logic of the deal is easier ground but again the core Forte businesses of roadside catering and inexpensive overnight accommodation fit neatly into the Granada group. Sir Rocco may yet surprise us but at this stage it looks bad for him. A little bit more on the offer price and

Mixed economy: Hopeful signals for mortgage lenders, but an improvement in Britain's trade balance is expected to prove short-lived

Housing market shows first signs of revival

DIANE COYLE **Economics Correspondent**

Mortgage lenders yesterday reported what they saw as the first positive signs in the housing market for many months. House prices jumped 1.5 per cent in November, their bigges monthly rise for more than a year, according to Nationwide Building Society. Halifax's price index, due out on Monday, is expected to continue its recent pattern of modest monthly increases.

The news on prices was supported by separate Bank of England figures showing a significant rise in the number of new mortgages approved in October.

Adrian Coles, director-gen-eral of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "The housing

are some positive signs." The cuts in mortgage rates an-nounced earlier this week would help confidence, he said. Philip Williamson, a Nation-



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for housing was disappointing. but there was evidence of a firmer trend since the summer. Halifax believes the market has stabilised and should recover next year.

Without any special Budget measures for housing, the fortunes of mortgage lenders rest on a recovery. But hopes rose yesterday that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, might be able to deliver another fall in the cost of home loans by reducing base rates at the next opportunity. The FT-SE 100 index closed at a new high, up just over 16 points at 3,680.4.

Evidence that manufacturing industry is in decline for the first time in three years boosted hopes of a base rate reduction. Separate figures showing a

The November survey of purchasing managers in manufacturing showed a drop in the activity index below 50, the threshold between expansion and contraction.

Output, one of five components of the index, edged up last month. But new orders fell sharply. The price index fell to its lowest level since August 1992, suggesting that cost pres-sures are no longer an issue in manufacturing.

Stocks of raw materials fell in response to weaker demand. However, stocks of finished goods rose slightly as production exceeded sales. Helen Mac-Farlane, an economist at the City brokers Hoare Govett, said: "It is clear that stocks have increased to uncomfortable lev-



els." Most City economists ex- view that a cut in base rates pect official figures for manu- could come as soon as 13 Defacturing output in October, out cember, after the next monetary on Wednesday, to remain weak meeting. The increase took the

after a drop in September. News of a record increase of credit to 13.7 per cent – puz-£872m in consumer credit in zlingly high given the weakness October did not affect the City of recent retail sales figures.

loving index: Trade deficit on cars worsened to £1.2bn annual growth in consumer

Exports reach a record high

PAUL WALLACE **Economics Editor**

Britain's trade deficit fell by £300m to £10n in September as the volume and value of exports reached a record high. But City analysts warned that the improvement in the trade balance would prove short-lived.

Although Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, welcomed the performance of ex-porters, official statisticians said the latest estimates of trends in both volume and value pointed to a continuing deterioration in the trade balance. "The October global data will probably show the improvement in the deficit more than reversed," warned Adam Cole, economist

at James Capel. The latest figures, incorporating new information about the balance of trade with the rest of the European Union,

the rest of the world were responsible for the trend deterioration in the deficit.

Comparing the three months ending in September with the previous three, the underlying volume of exports - excluding oil and erratics - rose by just over 3 per cent to both the EU and the rest of the world. However, imports rose by 5 per cent from outside the EU but only 2.7 per cent from within the EU.

The trade deficit of £300m with the EU in September was unchanged on August. However, it fell by £500m in the third quarter compared with the second. It would have improved even more without a surge in imports of cars. This caused the deficit on cars to worsen by more than £300m to £1.2bn in the third quarter. The price of exports to the EU rose much more sharply than those to the

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Work to do at Wolverhampton

Wolves & Dudley: at a glance

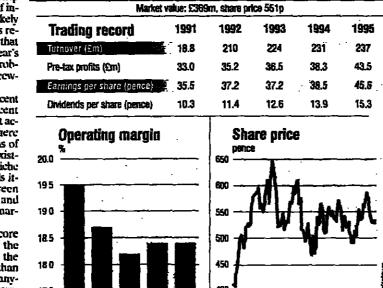
These were record profits from Wolverhampton & Dudley, but strip out property profits and the rate of increase, 7 per cent to £40.2m, is unlikely to set pulses racing. True, margins re-covered nicely in the second half so that for the full war they matched last year's 18.4 per cent, but the underlying problems facing the West Midlands brew-

With market shares of only 6 per cent in the Banks's region and 4 per cent in the North-east, where the recent acquisition, Camerons, is located, there is plainly plenty to go for in terms of organic growth within Wolves's existing areas. But the flip side of that niche position is that the company finds itself uncomfortably squeezed between its bigger rivals such as Bass and Courage still slugging it out for mar-That is a problem in Wolves's core

region because profit margins in the West Midlands are the lowest in the country, with beer selling for less than 120p a pint, much cheaper than anywhere else. In an increasingly competitive environment, changing perceptions of how much a pint should sell for and persuading rivals to follow you up is a non-starter. That means volumes are the key and here the company has done better than average in tenanted pubs but it is little consolation when that outperformance means a fall of 3.2 per cent compared with 4.2 per cent for the market.

Only in the more food-oriented destination pubs and restaurants and taverns have like-for-like wet sales improved much, underlining the importance of food in driving beer sales, and Wolves does not yet have enough pubs providing meals.

Another persistent problem is that Camerons, the North-east brewery acquired a couple of years back, is op- is high enough.



erating well below capacity and will lose Strategic visions out to its bigger rival on that patch, Vaux, unless it can acquire more houses in the area to tie into its beer sales. All that said, Wolves is a soundly run business and the 10 per cent increase in the dividend to 15.3p confirmed its progressive dividend policy after the appointment of the rate of growth in the payout at the half-way stage of only about 5 per cent. After yesterday's 21p rise to 551p, the shares stand on about 13. With little yield support that

at Chrysalis

Chris Wright's Chrysalis is at a crucial point in its transformation from a music and television production company to an integrated media group. Given the lack of underlying operating profits in the past year, and the likelihood of at least one more year in the a prospective price/earnings ratio of red, it is virtually impossible to predict how the stock will perform. The real questions are strategic and managerial.

Is the company right to move away from television facilities and aggressively into radio and film? Can it sustain the start-up costs of two new radio stations let alone finance bids for up to four new regional licences in the next year? And can the film business, where carnings can take years to generate, add value to Chrysalis's business mix?

The view in the City remains somewhat mixed, and certainly the results for the year to August gave conflicting signals. The television business is profitable, with a mix of independent production companies supplying programming to a range of UK broad-casters. Equally, the export market continues to be strong, representing £28m

of the company's £87.7m turnover.

Music publishing is also performing
well, but profits have been dragged down by the costs of developing Echo Records, the company's new label.

Overall, pre-tax profits topped £1m in the year to August, helped by £11.5m in extraordinary gains. Radio has been a source of big costs: £1.5m spent on the launch of the London Heart franchise alone. But ra-

dio is arguably the best strategic new road Chrysalis has ever taken. Radio's share of advertising has doubled to about 4 per cent in the past year, and the market is expected to grow by 15 per cent this year.

There are more doubts on the fea-

ture film side, but Chrysalis is in any event taking a very cautious approach. It is clearly intent on retaining its strong TV production franchise, and continuing to develop its library of music and televisual rights, even if it might take

a bit of a flyer on film.

While future profits are hard to gauge, the current share price of 170p, down 2p on yesterday's results, looks quite attractive for those who believe in the strategic vision.

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Management buys Blue Boar

The Blue Boar group of motorway service stations has been sold to its management for £25m. The deal involves three sites, including two on the M1 at Watford Gap and Rothersthorpe near Northampton. A third is located at Annadale Water on the M74 in Scotland. The deal was led by Blue Boar's managing director, Dennis Wat-son, and backed by 3i, the venture capital group.

Unilever takes on Glaxo arm

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch consumer products group, is paying £95m for the Glazo subsidiary,

Hazeline. Hazeline is a Singapore-based consumer products group which manufactures a range of skin-care products in North and Southeast Asia. Last year the division reported oper-ating profits of £4.1m on sales of £32.5m.

Buy-in for Marilyn Foods

Marilyn Foods, the frozen food retailer, has been sold to a management huy-in for an undisclosed amount. Marilyn Foods sells gournet frozen food products from 14 regional depots and reported sales of £16m last year. The buy-in is being led by the former director of Northern Foods, Jack Slatter.

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Takeover talk and rate hopes produce another record

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FT-SE 100 index up 16.1 points at 3,680.4. Except for a modest relapse on Budget day the index has made steady progress this week, gaining 56.4 points. But the stock market is not quite such a happy place as the rip roaring index performance

might suggest. Said one stock-broker: "98 per cent of this market is doing absolutely nothing; the other 2 per cent is going ballistic". Certainly blue chips need interest rate cuts and at least one big takeover bid for support. The rates reduction should occur soon and, if the rumour mill was in form, the bid action should come early next week.

The shares outperformed other blue chips, achieving a 22p gain to 292p in unusually busy trading. BAT Industries, facing increasing tobacco prob-lems in the US, is regarded as the most likely to strike. The insurance group is seen as an ideal add-on to BAT's already extensive financial interests which include the Eagle Star insurance business. BAT shares were unchanged at

But a BAT strike is not the only story circulating. A defensive merger with Legal & General, also a rumoured target, is another continuing yarn; so is a get-together with the market's leading bank bid can-didate, Standard Chartered. Suggestions the long rumoured Continental insurance bid is at last about to materialise lifted some other insurers, with Roy-



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694p; Standard, in a strong bank sector, rose a further 8p Other takeover favourites bounced higher, including Bank of Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland and Asda, the

supermarket chain. Vickers, the engineering group embracing Rolls-Royce cars, was another in the bid frame with talk of a Continental strike creating the action. The shares purred 7p

The biotech babes were again high on drugs. British Biotech, on its cancer drug, was

But the Americans failed to arrive and the shares closed at 1,675p, up 127p. There are expectations the group will produce encouraging progress reports on another drug over the weekend.

Proteus, the drug designer, rose 35p to 144p, as it announced the first of its signalled deals, an income-producing licence agreement with Smith-Kline Beecham. Celltech, re-sults on Wednesday, gained 53p to 602p and newcomer Peptide Therapeutics put on a further 13p to 251p.

MAID, the on-line infor-

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mation on to the Internet. CMG, a computer software group, made a bright start; placed at 290p, the shares reached 339p.

But it was not all one way traffic. BSkyB was at one time up 27p as buyers chased shares in a narrow market. They banked on US buying follow-ing the company's inclusion in the internationally followed Morgan Stanley Capital Index and further support from the Endsleigh League deal. But then the Office of Fair

Trading intervened, deciding to review the satellite television group's sports coverage, pre-sumably sparked off by the Endsleigh deal, and its relationship with cable channels In often frantic trading the

shares slumped 51p and then staged a modest rally, closing

curity printing group, tumbled a further 17p to 643p. The shares have crashed from a high of 1,052p this year. The group issued another profit warning this week and analysts are continuing to make nega-

Hanson is another to lose its appeal. Its latest results promptis taking on the marketing ed a round of downgradings, for a BTG cancer drug that lowering the shares 10.5p to due to be put on sale next 185p, lowest for three years. Pearson jumped 33p to 682p

with a brace of big buyers appearing towards the close, and Grand Metropolitan slipped 3p to 439p. Its ESOP sold 51.9

39p to 274p as it put its 100 million pages of business infor- 35p. The shares were 119p ear- aclegy Group, gained 15p to 35p. The shares were 119p ear-lier this year. CI has had to fix a 703p peak as, in the heady up new loan terms with its drug lever, the market contin-bankers and is preparing a ned to speculate about its rights issue, said to be at riches, largely represented by

an array of patents, licences and new products. The shares around 10p.

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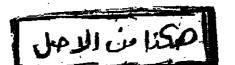
lating is that BTG has clinched a licensing deal with Zeneca. It is said that the drugs giant, which yesterday launched its Diprivan intrafor a BTG cancer drug that is

Wensum Co, a maker of men's clothing, jumped 19p to 143p on takeover gossip. to 143p on takeover gossip. The shares have climbed 37p

GRE, the Guardian Royal Exchange insurance group, re-asserted its position as the mation group which has just achieved a US listing, headed million shares to SBC Warburg al up 17p at 400p and Genertraded at 2,625p overnight and this week, from a year's low al Accident 18p at 683p. touched 2,150p in morning trading on hopes of US buying. which, with Cazenove, placed of 97p. Interim figures are 5.5p down at 428.5p. J F M A M J J A S O N L&G was little changed at market's favourite victim. the hi-tech brigade, spurting Coal Investments was an-SHARE PRICE DATA Prices are in sterling except where stated. The yield is last year's dividen THE INDEPENDENT INDEX The index allows you to access rest-time share prices by phone from Seaq. Simply dial 0891 123 333, followed by the 4-digit code printed next to each share. To access the latest financial reports dial 4891 1233 followed by one of the two-digit codes below. FT-SE 100 - Real-time 66 Sterling Rates 64
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Hamed every bit as strong in his mind as his body

Prince Naseem Hamed has always said that he wants to be a legend. Beating Steve Robinson at the end of September in Cardiff, and taking the World Boxing Organisation featherweight title from him, was merely an-

other step in that direction. He was in the gym in Winconbank the week before the fight with a T-shirt with "All I have to do is turn up" written on the back. Brendan Ingle, his trainer and manager, had forgotten his glasses. "What does that say?" he asked me. I read it to him. "The cheek of the lad. Some call it arrogance, I call it

But Naseem Hamed exudes more than confidence. There is this aura of self-belief bordering on invincibility emanating from him. I caught up with him in London, hanging out in May-fair, a million miles from the family shop in Winconbank.

We talked, as we had many times, but this time away from all the pressures and distractions coming from within the gym or from outside. I wanted to attempt to unpick a few psychological threads from this great cloak he covers himself in, to get some hint as to what if anything lies below this heavy mantle of projected self-belief. What does it hide? Or is all this confidence and self-belief just layers of an onion, densely packed all the way to the core? I began by asking him whether there were ever any

might lose to Steve Robinson. No, from day one I knew I was going to be in there with the perfect style. I knew basically that he was there to be taken by a flamboyant 21-year-old who was ambitious and strong at punching out. It was tailormade for me and on the night of the fight I showed it. There was quite a bit of animosity in the crowd, somebody spat at me on the way to the ring, but I held my head up high. I just walked

doubts in his mind that he

in there and took it off him." So just how important was the psychological battle before the fight? When does the battle actually commence between two fighters? Is it the press conference? Or even before that? "I showed him in three or four press conferences before the fight that I was definitely there to take his title,"

Much of the fascination of Britain's brightest boxing talent stems from his personality. Geoffrey Beattie looks at the psychology of the master of brash

weight in the world and that he had boxed the likes of Colin McMillan. Everybody said that he was going to lose on other occasions, and he came back. But I wanted him to know that this time it would be different."

Did Robinson possess anything in his psychological armour to frighten Hamed at all? Was there anything that he could have done to intimidate him?

'I walk through fear. It's not one of those things that happens to me. I'm one of those confident people who just forgets fear'

"There was nothing whatsoever he could have done. I knew that the only thing that Steve had was a good defence. A good fighter has to break that defence I was so happy, I was smiling, I was talking. I did everything I wanted to do. What was he saying to him?

"He turned round to me in past press conferences and said that he was the strongest featherweight in the world. I was telling him in the fight: 'You're not the strongest. Steve, and hitting him so hard that he couldn't understand it. So mentally I was just breaking him up. Physically, it was happening at the same time and he just fell to pieces at the end of it. I caught him with one clean left hook which was the last shot of the fight. This shot was so perfectly timed that his legs just

John Ingle, who is Brendan could tell by looking at Steve Robinson at the weigh-in for the fight that he had already lost the Hamed said. "He made out that psychological battle. I wanted It's got to give me a buzz. It ing from Parkinson's Disease, think religion is a personal to do."

he was the strongest feather- to know if Hamed could sense

that as well?
"I could sense it, all right. I'd seen the look in his eyes. But I also said to him: 'If we're both confident that we can beat each other, then we should put both purses in one pot and let the winner take all.' So Steve started thinking about this and he was mumbling a little bit but then he said; 'Well, I'll leave it to my manager' and I knew straight away that he'd gone. I didn't even have to look in his

But had he ever been fright-

ened before a fight? "No, I've never been frightened before a fight. You should see me in the changing room beforehand - I pack it out with my friends, then slam some music on, whatever music I'm into - rag or jungle, swing or soul, hip-hop, rap, whatever it is, whatever my mood desires before the fight. We'll be having a great laugh and I mean a great laugh. I'm talking about laughing, giggling, cracking jokes. This is five minutes before the fight. As long as I've got bandaged up and oiled up, I'm happy and ready to go. As soon as they say: 'the television is ready, you're on', I become a different perup and take him out. I con-trolled the fight, I dominated it. son. I'm blind to all the guys around me then and that's it. everything finishes. I'm ready to walk out and I'm ready to do the business. There is nothing else in my mind except to go out, blank everything out, get into that ring in style, and take an

opponent apart in style."

If not before a fight, I wondered when was the last time he had been frightened of anything. "To tell you the truth, I hardly ever get frightened as in 'frightened'. I could never say that fear really gets to me. I'm not one of those fighters like Nigel Benn who says: 'I thrive on fear'. I walk through fear. It's not one of those things that happens to me. I'm one of those very confident people who just forgets about fear, and John Ingle, who is Brendan gives it to somebody else. I get into that ring and I walk round, I hear my music and then I start

"The music is very important.



always does in my fights. At the Robinson fight, all the crowd were shouting for him. They were chanting: 'Hamed, Hamed, who the fuck is Hamed?' And I thought to my-self, wicked, I can't believe this. They'll find out who Hamed is after the fight."

He then confessed that he had borrowed the idea of the tune for his entrance, Hot Steeper, and the front flip over the rones from his best friend, Ryan Rhodes. These trademarks came from his younger acquaintance. If it was employed against him, what would he think? "Well, if somebody did it to me, I'd think: Well, that is a confident man, I just

hope he can back it up." Hamed has an obvious choice for the greatest fighter of all time. "Muhammad Ali. His style, his charisma, how he got on, how he became a nation figure, a world figure, what he did to sport in general. Not just for boxing but for all sport. I think he's been a credit to sport, not just boxing. I think he's made sport what it is today."

The present day Ali, suffer- sonal and private to myself. I because that was the best thing Naseem Hamed on Radio 5

might well be an upsetting thing. But I think God has thought, then. If so, it is one given me such a gift." Naseem Hamed has never Hamed can cope with. Well, obviously it's sad what's hap-pened to him. I do feel for him, but I can honestly say to myself exactly happened? that I know for a fact that his

Parkinson's Disease never came from boxing. I think he got Parkinson's Disease because God gave it to him. I think what's written for a man is written. I think that it only happened to him just to show people that he was human, that he was the same as everybody else. So I reckon that it just written to him, from God." So does he think that everything that had happened to him so far had been written by

God? "Yes, definitely, I've got so much belief in God, and I think that God's got so much belief in me. "The way I've been brought up I've had the best upbringing a child could have and I take my hat off to my mum and dad so much for the upbringing I've

had. I am religious but I like al-

lost as a professional, though he did as an amateur. So what "I lost about five or six times as an amateur but I could def-

initely say to myself that I never walked out of that ring a loser when I'd lost. I always knew in my heart that I'd won. I only lost because the judges didn't like my style and they went against me. I never really lost a fight as an amateur and the guys that I did lose to - when I boxed them again I beat them easy. But there was one lad who beat me and then retired at 12. I can't remember his name. I was only about 11. But I never stopped smiling. They couldn't understand it. They'd say: Why is he actually smiling when he's lost? Isn't there any way we can

get this guy down.' "This is what they were thinking. I'd be looking at them. knowing what they were thinking and I'd be smiling at them. walk out of that ring smiling,

Because it would have been a sign of weakness not to? "Exactly. It would have been a sign of weakness. I knew that even at the age of 11. When I got back into the changing rooms I'd still be smiling and laughing be-

cause I knew that I'd won. "It didn't really affect me in any way but it did dishearten a lot of kids, and a lot of kids retire because they were getting robbed in decisions." I asked him how he might

cope with defeat today. How would I cope with it? I would cope very well with it because I remember losing as an amateur. There are guys who lose and they're a flop after that. They can't take it. Mentally they can't be very strong. If I ever lost I'd just come straight back. I'd let nothing dishearten me. Remember I've been blessed by God. I walk through fear."

Geoffrey Beattie is professor of psychology at Manchester Uni-versity. His series of interviews with leading sports personalities, Head to Head, begins with Live tomorrow at 8.05pm.

Australia steadied by pair of Waughs

Cricket

Pakistan 299: Australia 151-3

Mark Waugh abandoned his trademark cavalier approach to steer Australia to relative comfort in the third and final Test in Sydney yesterday with a patient unbeaten 54.

Waugh gained valuable sup-port from his twin brother Steve, who finished on 26 not out, as the pair added 60 for the fourth wicket.

Pakistan's Ijaz Ahmed, 101 overnight, went on to make 137, his highest Test score, but the tourists collapsed, losing their last six wickets for just 36.

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Salisbury the ione England wicket-taker

Pakistan A 73-1 v England A

England A made a disappointing start to the second Test against Pakistan A in Rawalpindi yesterday when the match finally got underway more than nine hours late. Pakistan A. put into bat.

were 73 for 1 from 34 overs with Ian Salisbury gaining England's sole success Salisbury, brought on for the 22nd over, struck with his fourth

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BUDWESSET LEGGIE: Leicester Riders v
Thames Valley Tigers (7.30); Newcastle
Cornets v Leopairds (7.30); Simmingham Bullets v Hemel Royals (7.30); Worthing Bears
v Derby Storm (8.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Menc Buy
Plymouth (7.30); Covernity v Crystal Palace
(7.30); Mid Sussex v Solert (7.30); Ware v
Caroll (8.0). Womens Inswert v Thames Valley (8.0); Lindon v Northampton (6.0); Plymouth v Rhondia (6.0); Spechome v Tyme and
West (6.0).

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Other sports
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HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP Fourth round: Beeston v Hull (1.0); Cartisrbury v Formby (12.0); Edg. Genstand v Hampstead and Wasamenter (2.0); Edglaston v Masia (2.0); Frebrands v Chachester (1.0); Guildford v Nor-

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ton (12.0); Harborne v Slough (1.15); Hounstow v Havard (12.0); Indon Gymthams v Southgate (1.30); Old Loughtoware's v Cuty of Portsmouth (1.30); Reading v Brooklands (2.0); Rethrond v Oldru and West Warweb, (12.45); Surbiton v Garnook (1.30); Teddarg-ton v Bromley (1.30); Togans v Donesser (12.30); Winneston v Gousstar Cry (1.30). AbMRA CulP Birld round, Althdigs v Uton Town (2.0); Achthoris Villenment (1.30); Heldington v Harborne (1.20); Bernhards v Wilder (2.0); Berdeni v Donesser (12.30); Birlington v Harborne (1.20); Comberley v Wilder (2.0); Berdeni v Donesser (1.20); Brobaums v Lugtoni Motors (1.20); Comberley v Gambarigs Linn, (2.20); Cardon v Tulos Hill (2.30); German v Reading (1.30); Carborn Stackets (1.0); Comberley v Carborne (1.30); Carborne (1.20); Esting v Ordesprism (1.1.30); Carborne (1.20); Esting v Ordesprism (1.20); Esting v

BIDWEISER LEAGUE: London Towers v Chester Jets (S.D.; Trames Valley Tigers v New-castle Comets (G.O). TUP TROPHY Querter-finel second leg: Sheffeld Sharks v Manchester Camis (6.15),

NATIONAL LEASUE First Division: Men: Bro-ton v Notingham (4.0); Stockton v Old-ham/Rochdale (4.0). Women: Simingham v

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OMision: Beachnell Boes v Medewy Bears
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(6.30); Murrayfield Rogals v Black-bum Blechhawist (6.30); Parathey Prattes v Telford Tigors
(6.30); Peterborough Prattes v Manchester
Storm (5.30); Solinia Banors v Chelmstord
Cheffalms (7.0); Swendon Widdors v Guidford
Flames (6.0).

Other sports

Hounslow hungry for League points

Hockey

BILL COLWILL

Today's match between struggling Hounslow, currently just two places above the cut-off line for next season's restructured First Division, and St Albans, is seen by Hounslow's manager, Keith Rowe, as their most important game since they won the European Cup.

"A League win is definitely most important for us," he said. "But naturally, we would like to get revenge over Hayant in the Cup on Sunday for the 4-1 defeat they inflicted on us a couple of weeks ago." Hounslow will be handicapped by injuries to two of

their internationals. Jason Barrow - Adam Lewis continues in goal - and the captain Rob Thompson, who is only likely to make appearances at penalty corners.

Havant, themselves not having the best of seasons, travel to play Stourport at Kidderminster this afternoon. They have no injury problems and will be looking for three points and a place in the fourth round of the Cup. England's penalty corner specialist, Calum Giles, who scored four goals last Sunday against

Surbiton but was still on the los-

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ing side, might tip the balance in both games in Havant's favour. There is an Asian flavour about League leaders Southgate's weekend opposition. This afternoon they entertain Barford Tigers, who drew 2-2 with Cannock last weekend, and tomorrow travel to Osterley to meet Indian Gymkhana.

Beeston, seven points clear at the top of the Second Division and the only National League side not to have dropped a point, travel to City of Portsmouth today and could surprise First Division Hull in the Cup tomorrow.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

I headed that one in off the plates. Trevor Morley, Reading player, who scored the winning goal against Southamoton, having just returned to action after seven metal plates had been inserted in his head following an

injury. I honestly thought I was going to die. Warren Stowe, the British boxer who had to dive for during his middleweight bout in - Championship race. Cape Town.

i find it very difficult to come to terms with the fact that the management of the tour looked at me as one of the guys who tried to create disharmony in the camp. Brian Lara after pulling out of the West Indies' tour of

it's time he [Lara] grew up and realised that West Indies cricket is bigger than one man. Michael Holding, former West Indies fest bowler.

I have got more ability than anyone else left in the tournament. Ronnie O'Sullivan after moving into the quarter-finals of

the Royal Liver UK Championship ■ We might as well be 400 points behind, the way we are going at the moment. Dean Bell. the Leeds coach, after his team's defeat at Warrington leaves them cover when gunmen opened fire four points behind Wigan in the

III it's left us with a massive hole to fill. Vik Alkers, the Arsenal women's ocacn, on the news that forward Marieanne Spacey is out for the season because she is

pregnant. I'm sony, i can't talk to you now, or it will be full of swear words. John Hook on being knocked out of the qualification rounds for the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship by Deta Hedman, after women were allowed to enter for the first time.

Uncertain times for **England**

Quite what the England selectors should do about their team to play Western Samoa on 16 December is proving more troublesome than they ever would have imagined before the defeat by South Africa exposed their idea of a new-look side

playing new-look rugby. They will meet today before the latest Samoan tour match, against the Midlands at Leicester, but when they will finalise their Test choice remains uncertain. In an ideal world it would have to be before the next England session at Marlow on Wednesday.

For now, though, the best

they can do is add a dozen uncapped players, plus a couple of others, to join the squad - the idea being to give the young additions a taste of the big time, if such Marlow RFC on a dark winter's night can so be called. Richard West, capped during the World Cup, and Steve Ojo-mon, who already knows about the big time after winning 10 caps, will also augment the 21

from the Springboks game. This fits in with one of the constant refrains of Jack Rowell's England managership: to the effect that future development, for too long neglected, must be given a priority almost as high as the England team itself.

Even so, one suspects Rowell would happily settle for a selection who can play his type of rugby in the immediate term, i.e. against the islanders. Whether this is actually possible for an English side is still an unanswered question, London having tried a form of total rugby against Samoa on Wednesday but failed due to inadequate skill levels.

Whether the Midlands - who have won both their divisional fixtures and will in effect play off for the CIS trophy against the North next Saturday - will do any better is the main point of interest in today's game. Mean-while, the Divisional Championship's losers, London and the South-West, play the woodenspoon match at Sunbury, leaving the North to prepare for Tuesday's encounter with the

Steve Bale on the problems in Jack Rowell's quest for a new style of play

Having recovered from a shoulder injury sustained against South Africa, Tim Rodber leads the Midlands, uneasily aware that this game is almost as important for him as the Test. "I am getting irritated with the criticism of my displays in recent internationals," he said.

Tony Underwood's chances of returning for the Five Nations' Championship receded yes-terday when he put back his comeback from mid-December until after Christmas. After returning from the World Cup the England wing made a pizza advert with Jonah Lornu and had a knee operation with the result that this season he has played for neither Leicester nor Newcastle, his old and new chibs.

"Tony is progressing very well and he's training and he's happy with the way things are going."
Rob Andrew, the Newcastle supremo, said yesterday - which is a doubtful proposition given that Underwood anticipated being fit in time to face Samoa. Instead, he saw Damian Hopley make a powerful pitch against the Springboks to keep the wing

Andrew is also having to do without his deputy, Dean Ryan, who made his Newcastle debut against Transvaal this week but may need an operation on a calf injury depressingly similar to one in the other leg which needed surgery. At least Ryan and Underwood have plenty of time for recuperation before February/March, when they become eligible for their new

come engine for their new employers' league run-in. MDLANDS: J Quantil Rughy; R Subbinal B Whetstone (Section), M Allen, A Thorney-cutt, P Gayson, M Dowson (Mortharpton); G Roughtee, R Cockerti, D Garforth (Leicz-ton, J Phillips, M Buydel, T Hocker (Mortharp-ton, cgd. C Tarbuck, M Back (Leicester). WISSTERN GAROOK IVY Pata (Volata); S Uses Marsey, TVanga (Fe Asse), K Polgansala (So-pa), A Talea (Petons); D Mellett (Porsonity), J Flacar (Welfington); Bi Millar (Otago University), O Mataulus (Mostra), P Febalois (Marulen), M Mitchaellet (Schulen); Belanding (Marter), S



Pain from gain: Pete Sampras is treated after his victory in yesterday's Davis Cup final Photograph: Grigory Dukor/Reuter

Exhausting victory for Sampras

Pete Sampras had to be carried off court suffering from cramp after an exhausting five-set vic-tory against Andrei Chesnokov in the opening match of the Davis Cup final in Moscow

The opening day ended with the United States and Russia tied at 1-1 after Yevgeny Kafel-nikov had beaten Jim Courier in straight sets.

Sampras, the world No1 and Wimbledon champion, de-feated the 90th-ranked Chesnokov 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4. With his injured team-mate, Andre Agassi, among the spec-tators, Sampras threw his arms in the air to celebrate his victory but then collapsed with cramp. Two team trainers helped him up and carried him off the court.

Chesnokov, who won Rus sians' hearts with a deciding win over Germany's Michael Stich in the semi-final, drew first blood on the slow clay court, breaking Sampras's serve twice to take the first set.

But Sampras, who said before the game he would have to be patient and aggressive to win, recovered form in the second and third sets.

Sampras, winning many points with lightning long shots, advanced to the net more than his 29-year-old opponent but committed nearly twice as many

who is more at home on faster courts, landed only about half his first serves in.

The match looked to be over with Sampras 4-2 up in the fourth set but the dogged Russian broke back and won the ticbreak 7-5.

Chesnokov came within inches of winning what turned out to be a crucial sixth game of the final set, forcing Sampras to five dences before the American saved the game.

Sampras promptly broke the Russian's serve and went on to win 6-4. At the end, Ches-nokov threw down his racket in

Despite Kafelnikov's 7-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory, he and Courier looked evenly matched -trading powerful shots in a se-ries of long rallies which delighted the near-capacity crowd in the Olympic Stadium. Kafelnikov took time to set-

tle in the first set, doublefaulting three times, before convincingly winning a tie-break

The second set went with serve to 6-5 until Courier dropped his service after the Russian initially squandered

Courier trailed 3-0 in the third, broke back to 3-2 but eventually lost 6-3. Kafelnikov and Andrei Oi-

khovsky face Richey Reneberg, a late call-up after Agassi with-drew, and Todd Martin in to-

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Refined style takes Price out into the lead

Nick Price shot a best of the day 67 at Sun City yesterday to lead the Million Dollar Challenge at the half-way stage while the defending champion, Nick Faldo, struggled home in 78 - his vorst round of the year.

Faido had one of the most re-

but shooting three under for the back nine. His troubles began fore this tournament and my swing refinements and I feel I'm when he hit two balls in the green-side lake at the par-three fourth for a quadruple-bogey seven. He then took a seven at the par-four eighth.

"The strange thing was I wasn't hitting the ball that badly," said Faldo, who finished 12 shots adrift of Price. "But the markable rounds of his career, rough is so bad this week that going out in a nine-over-par 45 if you're 10 feet off line you have

fore this tournament and my short game is not sharp, but I'm really happy about how I re-covered."

Price bogeyed the first hole but from then on played an er-ror-free game to build a lead of three shots over Corey Pavin, Tom Lehman and Bernhard Langer. He was out in level par but stormed home in 31 with five birdies, including three in the

swing refinements and I feel I'm hitting my irons as well as at any time in my career," Price said.

The joint overnight leader Pavin shot a 72, one better than Sam Torrance who dropped to two under. Torrance spoiled his round with a seven at the par five ninth - the hole he eagled on his way to the joint lead on Thurs-

round of the day, Langer said he did not think Prace's three-shot lead was significant. "You can lose three shots on one hole the way the course is set up," he said.

Ernie Els remained in contention after a second successive 72-six behind Price. He was crit-

ical of the difficult pin positions. "With the rough up they should put the pins in easier places. The crowd don't want to see us

Craig Parry took advantage of receptive greens to shoot a sixunder-par 67 for a one-shot lead after two rounds of the Greg Norman Classic at The Lakes course, Sydney. Parry led with 132, but he was overshadowed by the 28-year-old Frenchman, Jean-Louis Guepy, with 10-under-par course record 63 to move up to second place.

Fans learn cost of Newlove

first sight of Paul Newlove in they will have to pay more for the privilege. Saints have put up their adult ground admission by £1 to £7, starting with the game against Workington Town that marks the debut of the world's

most expensive player. Their chief executive, David Howes, said that the increase was needed in order to help pay for Newlove, who will be at left centre after shaking off a back injury. Andy Northey will be his centre partner, with Chris Joynt centre partner, with Chris Joynt September, they have begun returning after the flu that brightly only to fade. "It is not caused him to miss Wednesday night's defeat at Sheffield.

solve the mystery of their

St Helens fans will have their first sight of Paul Newlove in Dave Hadfield previews the debut of McGahan. their colours tomorrow, but rugby league's most expensive player

> inability to sustain their devastating start to matches if they are to live with Wigan at Breatford. Tomorrow's last match at Griffin Park before the permanent move to The Valley gives London the chance to garner more credibility - but only if they can keep going for the full

80 minutes. In a series of matches, in-cluding their visit to Wigan in a matter of fitness," says the one Englishman in tomorrow's London Broncos need to Broncos team, Ikram Butt. "Maybe it is our concentration."

Their coach, Gary Grienke, makes two changes, bringing in Kieran Meyer for the injured Craig Green at centre and

restoring Steve Rosolen to the

Wigan, whose chairman, Jack Robinson, repeated his threat to slap an injunction on Perth's. Western Reds if they try to field Kelvin Skerrett, but Simon

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his full debut in the second

"We know that we have to make changes and we are looking for players, both here and will not tolerate the holiday

changes after a display at War-rington on Wednesday night that infuriated their coaching form Sheffield Eagles, will have Greg Mackey in for the injured Mike Ford and will be without form Sheffield Eagles, will have



Mike Wainwright for six weeks £500,000. with a damaged foot.

The weekend also sees the first away from a rugby league career total of 400, admits there is "a

Offiah pleased pressure is off Martin Offiah is glad to be rid "Paul Newlove can have the "When you do things like of the world record price tag he record]. I think it's a weight off that, it helps alleviate the pres-

Wigan's wing was a £440,000 Great Britain wing said: "Forbuy for the champions from Widnes in January 1992 but that fee was surpassed this week when the Test centre, Paul Newlove, joined St Helens from Bradford.

While Wigan's payment was £250,000 but also gave them three players in part payment for Newlove, making the whole transfer deal worth around

Cup, with amateur clubs trying lot of pressure" in being the

has carried for nearly four my shoulders," he said. sure but the pressure's always The 28-year-old England and

> tunately for me, when I first came to Wigan it was not really a problem as things went so well for me." Offiah was certainly an instant hit in his first few months

at Central Park, underlining all cash, Saints paid Bradford his reputation as one of the world's greatest try scorers with 30 in his first 16 games for He scored five in the Chal-

lenge Cup semi-final thrashing of Bradford, went on to win the Lance Todd Trophy at Wemb-ley with two tries, and also touched down 10 times in the Premiership semi-final rout of

there because the next thing is you have a few injuries, things do not go well and the price tag

keeps coming out," he said. Regarding the Newlove deal, he said: "It's good for rugby league and I think it's in the interests of both clubs to have a

world record fee involved. "It makes St Helens look as if they are moving heaven and earth to get the top players. And it consoles the Bradford supporters to know that if you must lose someone, at least you've lost them for more than any other player has gone for.

"Newlove is a very good play-er and I think probably the only English player who can command that sort of money."

RACING RESULTS SANDOWN

12.50; 1. CALL EQUIDANCE (A P McCo)/ 9-4 fav; 2. Crack On 5-1; 2. None Stirred 10-1. 10 ran. 4, 12. (P Nathola, Shepton Mel-lett, Total: E2.50; E1.40; £1.70, £2.60. DF; £4.80. CSF: £13.09. Trio: £53.80. NR: My-

veno's.

1.25: 1. DARK HONEY (R Durwoody)
6-4; 2. Sharp Performer 8-13; fav. 2 ran.
30. (S Dow. Epsom). Tote: £1.90.
200: 1. LONESONIE GLORY (Blythe Miler) 11-4; 2. Egyet MW Primos 8-11; fav.
3. Ning Credo 10-1.4 ran. 11, 15; (C Brooks, Lambourn). Tote: £3.20. DF: £2.30, CSF: £5.35.

2.30: 1. SEE MORE BUSINESS (A P Mc-Coyl 15-8 fm; 2. Father Sky 9-4; 3. Enfo-gy 11-2. 5 mm. 15, fml. (P Nicholis, Stepton Mullet). Total £2.80; £1.60, £2.00. Dr; £3.80. CSF: £6.47. 3.00: 1. WHLISFORD (W Messon) 4-1; 2. Flyer's Nep 11-4 for; 3. Nere Close 11-1. 9 cm. 1½, 1½, (Mrs J Pimer, Upper

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Caplas (Wolverhampton 3.25) (Towcester 1.55)

Lambourn). Tobe: £3.50; £1.80, £1.70, £3.20. DF: £5.40, CSF: £14.48. Thouse £99.36. Tho: £112.00. S-30: 1. ALLTIME DANCER () Osborne)
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EXETER

1.20: 1. HIGHTOWN CAVALUER () Harring

14-1; 2. River Larven 5-1; 3. Shawrid 8-1;

10 can, 11-4 for Run Herry Run (5:th), 2, 15,

(R Hodges, Someton), Toke: 531-30; £3.80,

£1.90, £2.40, DF: £29.90, CSF: £74.1R III.

Cast: £5.42, 69, Fric: £147.10,

1.50: 1. SOPHEMS (jump Burne) 11-2;

2. Severalge Moha 11-2; 3. Rather Sharp

4.1 9 ran, 5-2 for Turpin's Green (4th), 9,

6. (M Pios, Wellington's Toker £8, 90; £2.80,

£1.60, £1.60, DF: £3.4.20, CSF: £33.19, Ti
Cast: £121.67, This: £13.20.

2.20: 1. PRIMERLY PLACE (Cilevelyn)
3-1: 2. Sernel NEI 14-1: 3. Powrfs Choice
16-1. 8 ras. 9-4 for String Light (Sh). Vs.
6. 91 Yeissin-Centes, Cheltenham. Totas:
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CST: £39.58. Too: £159.10.MT: Lightning

2.50: 1. HARWELL LAD (Mr R Nuttell) 5-4 fair; 2. Streeting 20-1; 3. Barely Black 33-1. 15 ram. 4, 13. (R Ainer, Blandbord Forunt). Tota: 22.10; £1.80, £7.50, £3.10. DF: £584.00.

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3.20: 1. MIGH LEARIE (J A McCarthy)
16-1; 2. Trail Bons 8-1; 3. Whithy 12-1. 18
ras. 9-4 fav let Boys. 5, 11. (O Sherwood, Upper Lambourn), Totac £77.40; £13.80,
£4.90, £5.10. DP. £244.30. CSP. £152.80. 2.50: 1. SPRING SANT (C Naude) 4-1; 2. Perhapa 7-2 (by; 3. Ferrufico 16-1. 15 res. 19, 25, 0.6sc C Horler, Bath), Totas ER, 80: 22-20, 22-10, 26, 80. De; 21: 90. CSF. E18-20. Ticas: £195-15. Tito: £13.7-20. Jackpot: Not won, Pool of £10, 81: 93-6 erred forward to Wolvenburghon today. Place 9: £128-54. Place 9: £458, 41. Quedpot: £225-30. Placepot: £4,168,70.

12.40; 1. WILDFREE () Quirn) 9-2; 2. Lean Fort 9-1; 2. Rosekbeny Topping; 10-1, 11 san, 6-4 for Filipe; 10-m, 5, 4, R. Arthurs; Epsom), Tone; 58.20; E2.00, £4.00, £2.50. DF; £35.20, CSP; £45.07, Triose; £367.07. Trice; £130.60.

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1.10: 1. KRYSTAL MAX (Rimberley Hert)
16-1; 2. Mulliagh HR Lad 3-1 for 3. Chartenhouse Xees 5-1. 12 ran. Nr. 2. (T Borron, Triest). Yele: 225.70; 25.70; 21.80, 22.60. OF: 286.50. SF. 665.05. Tricest: 2257.20. Tric: 283.10.

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1.40: 1. ROSE OF GLENN (R Perham)
3-1; 2. Shedheddin 7-2; 3. Arm HH 14-1.
7 ran. 8-4 for Who's The Best. 10, 144, 18
Palling, Covertden, 1 rote: £4.20; £2.00,
£1.90. DF: £6.40. CSF: £13.59. ELSO. DF: E6.40. CSF: £13.59.
2.10: 1. BEAUMONT () (ulm) 7-2 h fav;
2. Risky Tu 4-1; 3. Carder Hing 6-1. 8 rm,
7-2 h fav int's Ges Los (6th. 134. 1. U Barles,
Newmarked, Totae E5.10: £1.70, £1.10,
£1.30. DF: £10.60. CSF: £17.45, Titeses:
£74.39. Tate: £13.60. Next: Jerrow, Njregen.
2.40: 1. ROOD BRUSE: F Northy 7-1;
2. Chairmann Choice 10-1; 3. Beginbet
8-1. 36 rm. N-, Ind. (M Meagher, Ormshin).
Totae: £5.80: £1.50, £4.00, £3.00, £2.20.
DF: £46.00, CSP: £74.79. Theses: £537.93.
Tate: £135.80.

3.10: 1. PEOPLE DIRECT U Faming 5-1: 2. Talograms 6-1; 3. Humants Bay 15-1. 7 ran. 5-6 fev Bells of Holland (6tt). 10, 1%. ((McMuffle, Lumbourt). Toke £5.40; £3.00, £3.10. DF: £18.90, (SF. £32.95.

3.40: 1. MESTER FREE EYES () Quirn)
2-1 for; 2. Peggy Spencer 7-2; 1. Sweet
Mabs 8-1, 11 rms. 3, 14; (C Britzan, New-merick). Teles: 52.80; E.150, F.2.0; 52.00.
DR 58.10, CSP. 59.53. Tricast: £42.36. Tric Place St £82.59, Place 6: £244.82. Quadrat: Not won. Pool of £36.00 carried

McGahan.

There will be five teenagers, including the twins, Anthony and David Gibbons, in the backs at Halifax tomorrow. Tony Kemp returns after injury and another of their young players, Jamie Field, makes

Barrie-Jon Mather, are without overseas," said McGahan. "We Haughton returns after a foot atmosphere that is here any

NOWER TO BE STORY

GOING: Standard. STALLS: 7f, 1m 6f - outside; remainder - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 6f to 1m 4f.

Phresand, left-band, oval course.

Raccourse is north of town on A449 Stafford road: Bus service from Wolverhampi

ILADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: E Hollinshead — 33 winners from 311 runners gives a success ratio of 10.5% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 5100.10; M Johnston — 29 winners, 105 runners, 27.6%, +537.8%; J Berry — 29 winners, 185 runners, 16.7%, -561.27; A Balley — 29 winners, 150 runners, 15.7%, -561.27; A Balley — 29 winners, 150 runners, 204 tides, 21.8%, +50.15; L Detold — 20 winners, 133 rides, 21.8%, -527.22; K Durley — 23 winners, 27.2%; Edited — 20 winners, 133 rides, 21.2%, -527.22; K Durley — 33 winners, 27.2%; T best — 20 winners, 113 tides, 17.7%, -51.37.

BIRINERED FIRST THRE: Behood Alekemani (2.55), Flood's Parcy (3.55); Legates (visor, 1.50), Sparking Roberta (visor, 5.25), Edited (visor, 4.25), Newberry Cont (visor, 4.25), Sparking Roberta (visor, 5.25).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

LUNG-DISTAINCE EUNNERS: Maralings (3.25) and 186 miles by Left Herries from Augmening Park, W Sasser, Alekand (4.25) sext 184 miles by B O'Schwan from Bose Grate, W Susser.

1.50 DESERT ORCHID FILLES HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £3,150

added 7f Penalty Value £2,187 (AW)

2.20 GOODYEAR MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,300 added 2YO 1m 100yds Penalty Value £2,965 (AW)

3.55 Carmosa

4.25 Blue Sioux

4.55 Honestly

Leeds have made sweeping

louger. Warrington, at home to in-

Newlove: New Saint

to battle their way through to a most expensive player in the meeting with the professionals. PLYVINE CATERING HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penelty Vakue £10,358 (AW) 221A40 AT UBERTY (129) (Bruce Adems) R Heenon 9 2 ... 3210-0 EMEZIO RUPO (224) (T Clerke) N Literacien 6 1 ...

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BETTING: 7-2 Biss Storr, 9-2 Medition Deald, 5-1 Militar Relater, 6-1 Hallard, 8-1 Sujan Frontis

STINE: 52 Housely, 31 Testiff & Editors West, 152 California's Choice, 74 Superglad, 10-1 Bath Royal, 50-1 others.

DESERT OF SEP HELLES HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV E) £3,150 added 77 Fernity Value £2,187 (AW)

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Osborne to cash in on jockey scarcity

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

It has long been a part of the fabric on the Flat, but jockey power arrived in earnest for the boys of the muddy season this week. Long-term injuries to Norman Williamson and Adriand David Nicholson.

CHEPSTOW

beat Mad Thyme, whose opening run this season ended at the first fence.

1.30: Idiot's Lady won a weak race

at Ascot a fortnight ago and the cramped odds on offer mean value

may go well is Josh Gifford's

CHEPSTOW

GOING: Chaser - Good to Soft; Hurdles - Soft.

Left-hand, undulumng course with run-in of 2407ds.

Raccounters on A 100, Chepstow Rail Status (Cariff - Glo
ADMISSION: Club 510; Tattersalls 50 CAR PARE: Prec.

4:31:00 GNPMBE (262) IL G Kriber A Turnel 7:11.8

10:215-1 IDIOT'S LADY (1,0) Mrs J Obratin Mrs J Petter 6:11.5

21:112P TRESSURE MOUN (239) (2) John H Chrymer Mrs Verta Jones 6:11.3

15:125-5 BELLS LITE (227) (3) IR Gites: P Mottes 6:11.0

13:128 THE WINGET MAN (27) (0) IA bisly J Gdod 9:10.13

120:45 ROMAN (205T (612) (J A I Romg) N Gassles 6:10.12

3:54PP AMAZON EUPRESS (11) IT M Morrs P Boven 6:10.8

10:00:36 WHO IS EQUIPMBE (13) (5) IN WROM N Herberson 5:10.8.

LEADING TRAINERS; M Pipe — 53 winners from 201 runners gives a success ratio of 26 4% and a fee to a 51 level stake of 513.40; N Twiston-Davies — 19 winners, 52 runners, 50.7%, +56 17; P J Hobbs — 11 winners, 50 runners, 20.3%, +519.85; D Nicholson — 11 winners, 50 runners, 252%, +50.81.

LEADING JOCKEYS: R Durwoody — 29 winners, 111 rides, 26.1%, -525.04; C Liewellyn — 16 winners, 90 rides, 17.3%, -518.24; A Magaire — 16 winners, 83 rides, 48.1%, -7.3%; G Bradley — 48 winners, 36 rides, 26.6%, +522.5%.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS; New Lan (1.00) has been sent 187 miles by S Gollings from Scamblesby, Lance.

1.00 CARLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,000 BBC1 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £5,410

cold like developing into a smart performer once he gets into the swing of things again and only lack of a recent run puts me off him. Sun Surfer ran only three times last season and

1.00 French Charmer 1.30 Greenhil Tare Away

2.05 Master Oats

up the reservoir of spare rides. All three have risen above the

an Maguire have not only thumbed his nose most blatantly gnawed away at the number of has been Osborne, who had tea op-shelf riders, they have also and trials on Viking Flagship freed battalions of runners from with David Nicholson on Monleading trainers Kim Bailey day, but later the same day told This has meant good news for the trainer's hand to lever his

of all, Richard Dunwoody, weekend (It is not reported his final effort in the Grand Na-Jamie Osborne and Graham where Nicholson wanted to put tional. The exciting deduction his own boot after this event). Bradley, the leading men at the reins who have been mopping It takes a brave man to cross the champion trainer, and Os-

station of forelock-tugging this week as gangs of trainers approached them for their services. The single figure who has the trainer he would not need

pain normally noted in the graphics of a Batman fight se-While the Irishman waits for a mangled right leg to heal, Osborne will ride up to, and poswith the nine-year-old looks a tricky one. In Chepstow's Re-hearsal Chase, Master Oats has to give 12lb to Bradbury Star

> who can do that. Nevertheless, Master Oats (2.05) may be up to it. According to Kim Bailey, the chestnut's best run last year, considering weights and ground conditions. was the only one he did not win,

borne clearly sees a long-term

association with the animal he

does ride this afternoon, Mas-

ter Oats. The Gold Cup win-

ner's regular jockey, Williamson, is out after a fall at

Sedgefield which was accom-

he has drawn is that the Gold Cup winner may still be im-

At Sandown, Osborne's rehave to have improved to win the Tingle Creek Chase. But whether the two-mile fencing champion is race fit enough for the job is a different matter. If panied by the sort of obvious he falls any way short of peak opening for the impressive Ascot winner Sound Man (2.00), the Irish-trained mount of Dun-

What should have been an-

sibly including, next year's other informative race, the Hat-Festival. His first appointment tons Grace Hurdle at tons Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse tomorrow, has been neutered by the withdrawal of Montelado. The only horse to have won consecutive races at the Festival (he captured the fina event, the bumper, in 1992 and the Supreme Novice Hurdle, which opened the following year's meeting). Pat Flynn's gelding has spent much of the last three seasons in the doctor's waiting room. He has brought

jammed over his bead and now misses a bill-stickered encounter with Michael Hourigan's Dorans Pride

"Montelado had a slightly ject, Viking Flagship, will not runny nose and I had him scoped before declaration time a mould-breaking event for and they found a little mucus in his lungs," Flynn reported. "I'm disappointed as he was in superb shape, but if he ran it may ed race to be run on the allhave put him back a month or condition, there will be an six weeks. The only races that matter are the Irish and English Champion Hurdles and if he surface. Perhaps they are gethad to go for them without a run ting in practice for the 1996 it wouldn't bother me."

Lonesome has friends

Lonesome Glory is to be aimed at the Gold Cup at Cheltenham rivals on his British debut at

Sandown yesterday. The top American steeplechaser forged clear of Egypt Mill Prince on the run-in, beating Jenny Pitman's runner by 11 lengths with King Credo third and the former two-mile champion, Remittance Man, fourth. out.

instantly to the larger obstacles when beating Certainly Strong (held

on same terms today). Simple Arithmetic may need softer ground.

3.10: Rimsey has been raised 160b for

The seven-year-old jumped Sandown's stiff fences in stylein March after humbling three for his regular rider, Blythe Miller, the woman jockey who is the reigning US champion. Lonesome Glory's new trainer, Charlie Brooks, said that the horse would be entered for the Gold Cup (40-1 with William Hill), though a different target at the Festival has not been ruled

While Montelado may be

used sparingly the same has not

been true of Lanfranco Dettori,

who clocks up his 1,000th ride

of the year at Wolverhampton

The Italian reaches the land-

mark on Capies (3.25 nap) in

Britain. The Wulfrun Stakes at

Dunstall Park is the first List-

weather in this country and

has attracted an uncommonly

useful field to the man-made

this afternoon.

harder carrying top weight in this much more competitive field. LONESOME TRAIN, 6lb higher,

WOLVERHAMPTON 2.55: RIVER KEEN won over 10 fur longs on Lingfield's sand last time Today's distance is longer but this strong galloper can still hold off a

3,25: Tarawa and Verzen have shown talent over shorter trips on turi but should have no problem staying this distance on sand. Caplas, however, could well need further to sho

SANDOWN HYPERION 2.35 Inchcailloch 12.50 Smith's Band 3.10 LONESOME TRAIN (nep) 1.25 Nahthen Lad

3.40 Nova Run 2.00 Viking Flagship GOING: Creats - Good (Good to Firm in places); Hurtles - Good (back straight.

GOING: Chases - Good (Good to Firm in places); Hurtles - Good (back straight - Good to Firm in places).

Explicitude councy, seven testing fences along back straight; run-in of 300yd.

Recessories in a ASO7, four index south of Singston. Raher railway station (service from London, Waterloo) edjoins counce. ADMINSMON: Club \$15, Junior Club \$16-25yes) \$13; Grandstand & Paddock \$12; Siver Ring \$5. CAE PARK: free, or \$2 in members.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EURINERS: D Nichology — 27 winners from 71 runners giver a success ratio of 35% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of 548.54; J Giffered and giver a success ratio of 35% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of 548.54; J Giffered — 24 winners, 181 jumers, 20.3%, +\$14.92; M Phys — 11 winners, 60 runners, 18.3%, -\$12.97; N Hendenson — 8 winners, 75 runners, 11.5%, -\$4.70.

ELEADING JOCKETS: 22 Dunwoody — 27 winners, 85 rides, 38.1%, +\$10.86; A Magnire — 19 winners, 91 rides, 20.9%, -\$11.16; J Oeberson — 15 winners, 100 rides, 15%, -\$46.04; P Histe — 8 winners, 91 rides, 20.9%, -\$11.16; J Oeberson — 15 winners, 100 rides, 15%, -\$46.04; P Histe — 8 winners, 47 rides, 17%, +\$5.45.

Winners En Last Seven have: Allowed a Warwick on Schurdey; Tothewoods (2.35) won at Haydoct on Schurdey.

LONG-DISTANCE EURINERS: Roberty Lea (1.25) & White Willow (3.10) have been sent 251 siller by Mrs M Berchy Hom Lingding, Cleveland: Top Cees (3.10) sent 240 miles by Mrs J Runssien from Scoulastion, North Yorkshira; Golden Helle (3.10) & Skaply Dashing (3.40) sent 231 miles by Mrs H Berterby from Great Helton, North Yorkshira; Fallers, North Yorkshira; Golden Helle (3.10) & Skaply Dashing (3.40) sent 231 miles by Mrs H Berterby from Great Helton, North Yorkshira; EWELL CHASE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 3m 110yds

Penalty Value £6,743 11341-4 CAMBROW (14) Lim Lones 5 Chatean 5 11 10

123-7-1 SABUTS BADD (29) DS With South Mas J Planan 7 11 5

217-1-1 MILL OF TULLOW (28) Easy Harris D Northoon 6 11 4

442-345 MANESHMA GALE (5) (R.L. Scorges N March 7 10 10

125 DOUG BARROTT HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £10,000 added 2m 6f Penalty Value £7,230

Minimum weight: 10st. True handkop weights: Nehthan Lad 9st 13tb, Ministoti Pet 9st 12tb. BETUNG: 5-2 Mahthan Lad, 3-1 Redesinyouwell,100-30 Autum, 5-1 Beliano, 7-1 Rebarty Las, 14-1 Maghtaid Pet 1994: Cab On Target 8 11, 9 G Lee 11-10 (Mrs M Rentley) 4 197

2.00 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TINGLE CREEK TROPHY CHASE (CLASS A) (Grade 1) £50,000 added 2m Penalty Value £30,920

- 5 declared -BETTHYS: 11-8 Sound Marr, 5-2 Travatio, Vildag Fingship, 10-1 Storm Alert, 14-1 Marks 1894: Wang Fingship 7 11 7 A Maguire 9-2 (D Micholom) 6 ran

3994: Vieng Pagalip 7 11. TA Magain 9-2 (D Nacholson) 6 ran POPRIN GUIDDE.

There was a bit of a surprise in this tose last year — and it was not that the odds-on Travado was beaten, it was more a case of Viding Plagable being good enough on his first run of the season: David Nacholson storing that his two-mile star was a stuffy sort who inventably needed a run before coming good. As it was Towardo went for broke from the start but was always looking the loser when Viding Plagable headed him at the Pond fence and the gap at the line was there-and-a-half lengths. Travado does not seem at his best on this track and a bypassed after being a shade fortuniste to best Martha's Son at Huntingson-lying Plagable should needly be the choice being unpermissed for two Queen Mother Champion Chese writs and he would get everyone's vote as the toughest choser in training. But he meets a moon-strep and improving rive in SOLINB MAIN who put up a creating period received by the last on the heals of those decent ands, Morreit and Dending Paddy, and had Morreit was cooked when the grey departed five out. Of course Sound Main had Morreit and Danding Paddy behind him when second to Risino Davis in the Arke but was still meeting them. The and 9th worse off respectively at Assot, Nation continues to shape as though variant further and was bestern 11 langths in this race last year. Also on Auther snoounters with To any 90 worse of respectively it result, were counted to all the analog further and was beginn 1.1 lengths in this race last year. Also on further encounters with Veing Riegship at Chelterham and Aintree he was found warting. Stoma Alant now a sta-blemate of Velong Registrip after being with Andrew Turnels is a talented handicapper with a good recent an under his best. His overall form doesn't quite measure up to the others but I can still see him being being there at the deeth. Selection: SOUND MAN

WESTMENSTER TAXI INSURANCE HENRY VIII NOVICE CHASE (CLASS A) (Grade 2) £17,500 added 2m Penalty Value £10,948

- 6 decired -BETTING: 11-4 inchesitock, 3-1 Certainly Strong, 7-2 Captain Khedive, 9-2 Simple Atthemetic,

4 Totherwoods, 20-1 Splinning Steel 994: Sound Reveile 6 11 0 G Bradley 11-8 (C Brooks) 4 ran

1994: Sound Reveille 6 11 0 6 Bradley 11-6 (C Bradley 4 ran Forest GuiDE beckealistoch was a very easy winner from Certainty Strong at Kempton on his chasing debut and has every chance of compending the mare again on the last gound. A supertough performer on the level and over hundles inchrealisch has a turn of foot to respect Certainty Strong gats no weight pull but she will be litter for that first fun since March. However, at this meeting a year ago with the ground in her favour she could not best inchasiloch are incide though she is 9% becar for the exc-length Desting. SMPLE ARTH-METIC Jumps fences for the first time and is an exciting prospect on his Chellenham Festivat than to Tourist, Attraction and Ventana Carnon, Reportedly coughing when a costing prospect on the Chellenham Festivation and Reported Performs after county had as Newtonia and Chellenham. heat third to Tourist, Attraction and Venturine surgers, respectively studies and ment is among taking and Cheffethian he would prefer some cut in this ground but still appeals as the type strong enough to handle furchcalloch, Captain (Rhedive has a 7th penalty to overcome after catching Cable Beach at Cheffethiam, He at least has five ground and its at his best when coming off for the coming of the still appeal of the sti

3.10 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £50,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value

Abrimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Statiplach Sat 13to, Summerhill Special Sa Cers & Heep Net in Maril Set 10th. Booksase Sat Sat, Chitago's Rest Set Sat, BETTINGS-3-1 Binney, 6-1 Chief's Song, 7-1. Spake Silb, 8-1 Selblium Fellow, 10-1 Lamer Top Cersi, 12-1 Estimo Net, 14-1 Remander, 18-1 Straugha, 20-1 others 1994: Reviee 5 10 2 A Magure 4-5 (D Micholsoft 7 ran

1994: Relied 5 10 2 A Magure 4-5 (D Nicholson) 7 ran
PORTA GUIDE
TOP CESS winner of the Chester Cur on test ground and third in the Cesarewatch has an able deputy in Mark Pemett with his usual partner Russ Garitry delired for Reliden Hello. Top Cess cought a couple of unitars last season in Unde Doug of Newcastle and Blast Freeze at Concester, those fine efforts coming after a win from Express Gift at Wetherby. That form is on a par with Lonescome Train's Cheltenham win from Express Gift three weeks ago. Top Cess is only 40 wrong in this hendicap and while the race has an open look the calibre is rothing special. Blassey gift away with a test-ground win from Thomano Gate Immere since) at Antire but ideally he wants cut and this is a semier test glying weight to 22 rivate. Reg Alecturs's other runner Admiral's Well likes this fest ground and his Accol win from Non Virriage looks decent now with Non Virriage doing well since. Pulled up in Lonescome Train's Cheltenham race Admiral's Well reportedly guiged that day so the defeat can be excused. Sublime Fellow could not contain Non Virriage at Ascot and the respective form-times suggests Admiral's Well reportedly guiged that day so the defeat can be excused. Sublime Fellow could not contain Non Virriage at Ascot and the respective form-times suggests Admiral's Well reported for the same course. He is in with every chance especially as he best Sublime Fellow 14 lengths at Ascot in January and is now a bound better off.

ESHER NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B)

£10,000 ackded 2m 110yds Penalty Value £7,360

£10,000 ackded 2m 110yds £1,100

£10,000 ackded 2m 110yds £1

FORM CURDE.

Five of these have wan soft races the season - the numer with some scope being NOVA.

REIN after returning from a layoff to best Oxfolit Wood at Windsor. The galding has his problems since being bought out of Jeneny Glover's stable after decent bumper showings but the Windsor win showed he was back in business. Situaply Deathing has won at Westerby and Almines since his five second to Deserf Righter at Westerby. However the rassing of the weights has made life more difficult for him under this 11st 10th. Anticee has got her soft lighter than the property are and looks a danger with only bodgy Deaces before at the jumping generand looks a danger with only brigher mark compared to the Warwick win from Whose Wonder but this race is not that much stronger and she loses the test ground. loves the test pround.

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the jockeys' room and, not least boot into the saddle at the WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP 10-YEAR-TALE Witener's place in betting: 0 0 1 2 0 1 3 1 3 16-1 16-1 8-4 9-2 12-1 11-4 7-1 5-4 13-2 4-5 and two stones to Katabatic and 7 7 5 9 4 5 5 5 6 5 there are not many motor cars 10-8 11-7 10-6 10-7 10-0 10-12 10-0 10-2 11-2 10-2 Profit or loss to £1 stake: Favourities + £0.30 Second Revocatios -£4.50 recentage of winners placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in last race: 30%

hortest-priced winner. Rolleet 4-5(1994) liced winner: Chrystor 16-1 (1985), Acroch 16-1 (1986) op trainer: M Pipe Copord Cargo (1989), Ludet (1989), Balacari (1901), Valinet (1992) Top jockey(s): 3 Louis (1989) (1992), M Peisen (1988) (1991) (Apole Horses)

FRENCH CHARMER, who has a two-year absence to defy but was a 1.00: GREENHIL TARE AWAY enod chaser two years ago. showed considerable improvement when 8lb out of the handicap over andles at Cheltenham when beating 2.00: Kim Bailey picks the same race Gillan Cove and the fancied Morgans Harbour, Philip Hobbs has always thought a lot of his horse, who can

2.40 Manolete

as last year for MASTER OATS to start his campaign but reports his Gold Cup winner more forward this time around. He was successful in 1994 and has scared off all bar three rivals, so there is no reason to oppose him today. At his best Bradcially in receipt of 120s, but the tions there. The Irish raider is not

form on ground softer than he likes.

3.10 Fellow Countryman

3.45 Freeline Lustre



SANDOWN 2.00 Sound Man will have plenty of supporters after his emphatic win at Ascot last month, but none of his opponents were suited by the condi-

guaranteed to be as effective back

is ready first time out need only look back to stablemate Dublin Riyer in the Maclesson three weeks ago. Mad Thyme won his first rivo starts last season, so the fact that his comeback ended at the very first lence at Wincardon 16 days ago is not necessarily a handicap. He win that triticetter race most impressively and is smart on his day, but it does look as though General Wolfe has made the greater progress. Viscompt De Valmout Carne back after maying 1993-4 to win three of his first four starts last season. The stable's numers are invariably ready for their first run and he was be staying on when others have cred enough. The his challenger, There Proventies, is well studed by a slog in the much and was staying on offer a mistake had knocked him back in a decent race at Navan last time. It is not possible to compare his form but he is entitled to go well from the middle of the handicap. Sel time: GENERAL WOLFE.

2.05 REHEARSAL CHASE LIMITED HANDICAP BBC1 (Grade 2) £25,000 3m Penalty Value £15,300

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2 21537-0 SHADBURY STAR (21) (Libres Campbell) Enfort 10 11 2.
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3 16345- KANBURY STAR (21) (Fig. 10 No.) Mouto N Teason-Daves 9 10 7 7.
4 Matter weight 10:1 7a. True handour wegats: Natator 9st 10b. George Brake 8st 6th. SECTENS: 10-11 Master Clais, 7-4 Bradoury Star, 5-1 Katabotic, 14-1 Grange Brake 1994: Master Clais 8 11 4 N Nifemson 3-1 OK Bailey 5 cm

at the minimum trip. He faces a different calibre of opponent in Trava-do, back to his best this autumn, and do, back to his best this autumn, and VIKING FLAGSHIP. The dual twomile champion defeated Nick Henderson's charge in this event last season and has never been beaten at level weights over fences.

with him just about every prob-

2.35: Captain Khedive put up an improved round of jumping to win a good novice event at Cheltenham and those behind have franked the form since. But his chasing progress has been far from smooth, while INCHCAILLOCH seemed to take

beat several of these last time and his best. At longer odds, MAR-ALINGA has each-way appeal, hav-3.40: NOVA RUN, a 20-length wining won over 10 furlongs on Lingfield's all-weather track in April ner on his hurdling debut, could be leniently handicapped in a weak race.

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_	there was not a lot in his reappearance at Ascot 15 days ago. Nevertheless, he ran ASA The Governor irreg 21bit to a neck on soft ground at Warwick in February after times and a half months off and top weights should not stop him giving a good account of himself. New limit was staying on organ when left to chase home Noth over two miles at Leopester less month, the fifth time on the took he had filled that position. It is difficult to know what to make of itsh challenger New Co's form. He is a handles writter this season after twinning over fences last term and is in good form at present, though there was not a long writing with Obbine's form lost season and he is back hunding after two nurs over fences. He is nicely weighted on his third to Jobber The Rober in February. Cheentitime is well in on past performances and would not be a surprise writter, while Veryvel, no match for Robusen Lad at Chelsterham, is expected to do better how the ground has changed.	MASTER OATS took all byfore him lost season, starting with his feast impressive with in this race 12 months ago, and he even ran a conder with top weight in the Grand National just 23 days offer he had won the Chetenham Gold Cup. He was the outstanding chaser of 1994-5. Bradbury Star has been consistently smart throughout his career and can give Master Oats a race at the weights at this stage of the season. Considering the problems Bradbury Star has had of late he ran a most encouraging race when going for his third Madeeson three weeks ago. He was still there at the top of the hill and the race will have brought han on a lot, but Master Cats should outstay him on this ground. Selection: MASTER OATS 240 GOOD LICK NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000
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Bonetti discovers paradise after Juventus

Glenn Moore talks to an Italian import sampling life in glamorous Grimsby

There he was, the Serie A star, a man who had played in a European Cup final and shared a dressing room with Michel Platini, Paolo Rossi and Gianluca Vialli. Now he was getting changed in the laundry room at Blundell Park, home of the not-quite-so-world famous Grimsby Town.

Ten years ago, Ivano Bonet-ti played for Juventus against the South American club nental Cup in Japan. Today he plays for Grimsby against Charlton Athletic in the End-sleigh League First Division in Cleethorpes. The shirt is still black and white stripes, but that is where the resemblance ends.

Juventus, 23 times Italian champions, were the first club to win all three European competitions. Grimsby, who last played in the top flight 47 years ago and never won it, do not even send much of a fishing fleet into Europe these days.

Bonetti's presence at Grims-by is remarkable in itself. What makes it barely believable is that he is paying £50,000 of his

own money for the privilege. Talking to Bonetti yesterday, as he cheerfully pulled his train-ing kit on amid the washing ma-chines and tumble dryers, one had to ask him: where did it all go wrong? The answer, delivered with the aid of his interpreter and cousin, Dario Magri, is that nothing has gone wrong. He loves it in Grimsby, so much so he has turned down the chance of a lucrative move to Japan.

Such is his desire to play he turns out today despite being thrown through the windscreen in a head-on car crash while vis-iting Italy in midweek. "He was so lucky," Magri said. "The cars were written off." Incredibly Bonetti suffered only mild cuts

and bruising to his forehead. Bonetti's affection for Grimsby is reciprocated. Blundell Park will be sold out today for a match which would normally attract 4,500. Instead they were queueing on Monday to be among the 8,500 capacity crowd. Five hundred of those supporters, judg-ing by this week's sales, will be waving an Italian flag, a similar number will be wearing shirts with "Bonetti" on the back. "It is incredible for me,"



Town laundry room

Bonetti said. "For 15 years in Italy I played alongside big-name foreign players, now I find I am the big-name foreigner in a town which did not know I ex-

isted two months ago. "It is a special situation here. I am abroad and doing well for a team which has not done anything for a long time. At 31, I am still achieving something. There are goals to pursue here, just as there were at Juventus, they are simply smaller goals."

"It is lucky we are living out-side Grimsby." Magri said. "Yes, they are going nuts about me in town," Bonetti added.

It is "Ivanomania", said Steve Plowes, the editor of the Grimsby fanzine, Sing When We're Fishing. "He has galvanised the place. It is like love. Suddenly you fall for someone and you are sit-ting in a room holding a bunch of flowers. Supporters are turning up in Italian mafia-style suits, they are carrying Italian flags. It's wonderful."

It helps that Bonetti is a charmer, as a player and a per-son. On arrival at Blundell Park, the first person he went to was Dot, the late-middle-aged laundry lady, kissing her on both cheeks. He smiled con-stantly, was evidently popular with the managerial team of Bri-an Laws and Kenny Swain, and with his team, makes with his team-mates.

After he scored the winner against West Bromwich a fortnight ago, Plowes said: "He did a lap of honour. He blew kisses to each stand in turn and hugged his translator, all this while the ref is waiting to restart the game. At the end he did another lap of honour with all the mascots bowing the assistant manager. "He is technically good, confident with

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They are simply smaller goals' ial player. "He is unpredictable," Plowes said. "He drifts in and out of the game a bit, and plays all over the place. Laws has done well, he had the bottle to play him, and he has the gumption

to let him do what he wants.

see in this league," said Swain,

"He has qualities you rarely

composed. He puts in quality crosses and is dangerous when he runs at people. For his part, Bonetti is en-

oying the contrast with calcio. English football is lough, but honest," he said. "It is very fast and there is little time to think, partly because the referee never stops the game. Grimsby play good football, not long-ball, there is a lot of first-time passing. Italian football has a lot of skill and technique, but it can be too slow. It also lacks houesty, there are many tricks."

Bonetti's CV reads like a Se-

rie A fixture list. After beginning with his home town, Brescia, he joined Genoa, then Juventus. The then 20-year-old found it difficult to gain a regular place - "I was competing with Platini for the same position," he said ruefully - and moved to Atalanta. From there he went to Bologna, then Sampdonia, with whom he aved in the 1992 European Cup final against Barcelona at Wernbley. Last year he played along-side Andrea Silenzi, now of

Nottingham Forest, at Thrino. He then decided he wanted to play abroad, probably Japan,

Photograph: Simon Willianson formerly of Genda. Tormo agreed to release him from his

contract on condition he did not

go to another Italian club and the rights to his "services and image" were sold to an American management company. While waiting to go to Japan in January, he thought he would try his luck in England. Swain takes up the story.

"Brian and I were looking for a left-sided attacking midfielder and we went to see one in a reserve match at Asson Villa. While there I met in Italian I knew from my Villaditys who said they had just such a player looking for a club.

"Ivano came up to play in a reserve game, Brian put it about the press, and we had 2.000 turn up. I thought: 'We're on to something here'."

Bonetti's arrival galvanised the team to such effect that they have moved into third place. However, there was a snag. The company owning Boneti want-ed to be paid for his hire, Grims-by are not flush with money and, by are not hish with money and, even if they were, under Fifa reg-ulations they were not allowed to deal with the company. Last week, Swain brokered a deal. Bonetti, edger to stay, put up £50,000 and Grimsby

promised they could persuade he community to match it. If the Ivano Bonetti Fund raises the money by the end of this month his loan will be secured. for the rest of the season. Af-ter that no one knows. To buy him permanently would cost £250,000, money Grimsby do not have. But if the unthinkable happened, and they won pro-motion, surely they would find

in cash somewhere.

It is not inconceivable: Bonetni is not the only good player.

Young defenders Gary Croft and Peter Handyshies are regularly watched by Premiership scoots, while Jamie Fornester, once of Leeds and Anzerre, is reviving his career in attack.
Alongside him is Sieve Living-stone, formerly of Chelsea, Blackburn and Coventry and at £140,000, Grimsby's record buy

"When I came here I said was not prepared to sit in the middle of the division," Laws said. We are looking to go up.
If we did, the TV money is
worth £6-7m, which gives us a
chance of having a go at stay-

- And if they did go up, could Bonetti persuade his former Sampdoria team-mate and good friend Vialli to join him? "He loves English football and he loves the idea of coming to play in England," Bonet-ti said. "But a lot depends on the Champions' League. His contract ends this year and if Juventus win that, he may get

some very good offers."

Would Vialli also be prepared to pay his own money to play in England? The sugges-tion brings much laughter from Bonetti and Magri before Bonetti said: "For sure - it would not be so much of an effort for him to do so."

Now we are dreaming. But in Grimsby, they are in fantasy land already. Last week a regular drove from Lancaster only to find she could not get in." Plowes said. "Two to three thousand were turned away. This is unheard of at Grimsby. I am just enjoying it while it lasts."

Rangers rely on youth

Scottish football

Rangers can recall a glittering array of talent to play alongside Paul Gascoigne for tomorrow's visit to Hearts, yet the 18-yearold Brian McGinty may still retain his place in midfield.

McGinty made his first appearance of the season in last Saturday's 4-1 win over Hi-bernian at Easter Road and despite squad recalls for Brian Laudrup, Stuart McCall and David Robertson, McGinty may vet make the starting line-up.
"It is the second leg of a difficult away double for us but we want to carry on where we left off at Easter Road," Walter Smith, their manager, said.

Kilmarnock's Gary Holt, who spent a frustrating time kicking his heels at Parkhead after heing signed by the then manager Lou Macari, returns there today hoping to haunt Celtic.

Holt was prevented from playing a competitive game for celtic for a year after signing by an SFA ruling, because he had bought himself out of the army. "Gary has impressed me in recent reserve games, so he is in the team to play Celtic," his

manager, Alex Totten, said. Celtic trail Rangers by four points and their manager, Tom-my Burns, facing his old club, is looking to maintain the form

shown in last week's impressive 3-1 home win over Hearts. Motherwell's recent run is reaching crisis point as they take on the injury-hit Hibernian at Fir Park without a win in their

last seven league games. Partick will be without the injured goalkeeper, Nicky Walker, when they face the Coca-Cola Cup winners Aberdeen, complete with new signing Dean Windass, at Firhill. Scott Booth and Theo Snelders will not trav-cl with Roy Aitken's squad. Raith go to Falkirk with Jim-my Nicholl, Premier Division

manager of the month, adding the Bristol City full-back Mark Humphries to his squad. But Nicholl has failed in an attempt to sign the Bosnian strik-er Dino Valentic, with Raith being refused a work permit because his international record does not measure up.

Aberdeen win the race to sign Windass

Fresh from becoming the first British team to qualify for Europe next season, Aberdeen, last weekend's Scottish Coca-Cola Cup winners, nipped in ahead of Everton and Norwich City yesterday to sign Hull City's striker, Dean Windass, for £700,000. A previous cross-border raid by the Dons took the Oldham midfielder Paul

Bernard to Pittodrie for £1m. Windass, 26, has scored eight goals this season for Hull, the Second Division's bottom team, but the club's financial problems, which have threatened their existence, forced them to sell. Non-League North Ferriby United are also richer for the deal. Windass joined Hull from the Northern Counties East Premier Division side with a

sell-on clause of 10 per cent. Wolves, who are looking for a replacement for Graham Tay-lor, yesterday said they had been refused permission to speak to Leicester's Mark McGhee. However, the Leicester chairman, Martin George, denied there had been any

move, much to the surprise of Tom Finn, the Wolves secretary.

chairman, reported to me last night that he had just spoken to Mr George to request permission to speak to Mark McGhee and had been refused," Finn said.

ham Forest defender, escaped with a censure and a warning about his future conduct from the Football Association for a rude gesture at The Dell on the opening day of the season. Bolton's hopes of signing Newcastle's Scott Sellars for £800,000 in time for today's Premiership match with Nottingham Forest have been dashed. They have yet to settle personal terms.

Manchester United yesterday blocked a move demanding price cuts next season by telling shareholders at their AGM that there

"Mr Jonathan Hayward, our

The takeover of Sheffield United is not cut and dried after all. A club statement said that negotiations between the potential buyers, Mike Mc-Donald and Martyn Burke, and the controlling share holder, Reg Brealey, had stalled. Colin Cooper, the Notting-

would be a review of the club's

admission costs in the spring.

Kinnear dreams of repeating Newcastle's title tumble

As the venue where the wheels finally came off Eric Cantona's antics roadshow, Selhurst Park is arguably the place where the Premiership was won and lost last season. Manchester United supporters will be hoping, though hardly expecting, that this unremarkable suburban stadium proves the setting for a turning

point in their favour tomorrow. One aspect of the English game cited as evidence of merit compared with, say, the Netherlands or Spain, is the ability of the bottom teams to beat those in the higher reaches. Lowly Wimbledon, who receive the leaders, Newcastle, at the ground they share with Crystal Palace, did littie for the theory in their last meeting, seven weeks ago, losing

Yet when the sides met in London a year ago last month, 18th-placed Wimbledon inflicted on Newcastle only their second defeat and dislodged them from the top to boot. To dwell on the collapse that result sparked is to uncover the dark side of the Toon; psychological **Phil Shaw** looks at the portents in this weekend's Premiership programme

spring. Hence the Geordie joy, tempered with relief, that Kevin Keegan's team held their nerve during November this time. Joe Kinnear, the Dons' man-

ager, would have been entitled to a wry smile at the way Liverpool sought to probe Newcastle's alleged lack of pace in central defence with Wimbledon-style long balls over the top in Wednesday's Coca-Cola Cup tie. He also knows only too well that the covering speed of War-ren Barton, whom he sold to Keegan in the summer, is as as good an insurance against such a threat as money can buy.

Even if the occasion tricks Vinnie Jones and Co into rekindling the Crazy Gang spirit, it may not be enough to stop a side bursting with confidence after 12 wins and two draws since their blip at Southampton. Manchester United can close the gap to two points by best-

scars which festered until the ing Chelsea today. In terms of the clubs' relative standings, not to mention United's recent 4-1 win at Stamford Bridge, it looks a formality. However, several factors make Alex Ferguson wary, not least Chelsea's remarkable record of just two

defeats in their last 20 trips to Old Trafford. The absence of Peter Schmeichel, which means a first Premiership start for Kevin Pilkington, may also sow doubts in United's minds. Pilkington, a 21-year-old from Hitchin who last played in the 3-0 home defeat by York in the Coca-Cola Cup, has the unenviable task of stopping Mark Hughes from adding to the goal be scored in his first reunion with United.

Hughes, recalling that it was the first time he had ever been cheered by both sets of fans, referred to "both challengers" for the championship. It is too ear-ly to write off any of the pursuing pack, although increas-ingly it looks as if it would take an extraordinary run to prevent a carve-up between the Uniteds.

Two of their number, Aston Villa and Arsenal, meet head on, with Villa a vastly different proposition to the side who surrendered 4-0 at home to the post-Graham, pre-Rioch Gun-ners in April. Brian Little was too negative in his tactical ap-proach at Highbury in October, and will be keen to redress the balance at the expense of one of his closest friends.

Tottenham, now up to fifth, also have a score to settle from April - namely the 4-1 thumping Everton gave them in the FA Cup semi-final - while Liverpool entertain Southampton urgently needing to end a run of five defeats and a draw.

The last team they beat, Manchester City, have hardly looked back since. They go to Leeds with 10 points from four matches that this week earned Alan Ball the season's most un-expected Manager of the

greedy - and blase. There was

more concern about the first

TEAM NEWS

Astort Villa are hoping Townsend (dight instep injury) will be fit. If he is ruled out, Staumton is likely to Charles are all expected to shake off minor knocks, Bergkamp has a calf muscle injury and may miss his tirst game for Arsenel since his transfer from Internationale. Heider stands by, Keown (leg) is back in contention for a midfield role.

Blackburn v West Ham New Sweets striker Gudmundsson is in the Blackburn squad but is considered an unlikely starter because of his lack of match fitness. Bohinein is expected to replace McKinlay in midfield. Defender Martin is ruised out by a hamstring farmy on West Horn seth riffe their Injury, so West Ham reshuffle their back four. Breacker comes in at right-back, Poits switches to centre back and Dicks, back after sus-pension, takes over from the injured Rowland at left-back.

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Bolton which a depleted squad, are still straint to complete the signing of Revisable midfielder Sellans.

Platelanan, Lee and Stutus are injured, while Patterson is serving a streemach suspension. Sneekes resides Patterson. Forest have been still by flu, with Silenzi and Bart-Williams among the iii. Haland takes over in defence from the suspended Chettle while manager Clark hopes striker Lee (thigh) with the fit.

Leeds v Manchiester City

The Swedish striker Broth is set for his home league debut. Defenders Pemberton and Jobson are available again but Palmer Impressed in midweek and manager Wilkinson may name an unchanged side. Manager Ball has named at undranged City side following the run of three wins and a jurgit.

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for QPR. Top scorer Hignest has recovered from an anide injury and
is expected to return for Middlesbrough. Utility player Blackmore has
been added to the squad.

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Wimbledon v Newcastle Mimbledon's injury list is shorten-Wimbledon's injury list is shorten-ing with Curningham and Ardley competing for places. Newcastle ex-pect their leading scorer-Ferdinand to be fit after taking a knock in mid-week. Otherwise manager Keegan can field an unchanged side.

The last four years just about everything has happened. Giants killed, keepers felled, insects dying, replays behind closed doors

Cup competition proper hap-Peacehaven and Telscombe having their glory while Kingstonian struggled through relatively mundane league games. For 58 years, nothing. But, in the last four, just about everything. Giants killed, goal-keepers felled, insects dying, replays behind closed doors. And this year, genuine hopes of the football version of basketball's biggest game of the 1980s, Kingston against Manchester United.

Between 1933 and 1991, the FA

Kingstonian, who play Third Division Plymouth Argyle 10morrow, were a significant name in amateur football for decades. Often high up the Isthmian League alongside Wimbledon (until the Dons turned pro in 1963), FA Amateur Cup winners in 1933, Wembley finalists in 1960. semi-finalists four times. And numerous other trophies underlining their cup prowess. But in the FA Cup they fell apart. Epsom helped themselves to 10 goals in one game, while Corinthian and Delphian League backwaters regularly dumped Ks out, Leatherhead doing so long before the "Leatherhead Lip" (whatever happened to him?). And 1960 even worse. Thanks to their aforementioned Wembley appearance, Kingstonian only had to apply by 20 June to "automatically" enter the conpetition proper. Guess what ar-

rived in the post on 21 June? Final qualifying round defeats increased in frequency in modern times - a mixture of secondreplay injury-time defeats, open goal misses and the FA rule which says Ks will never win at probably nearer the mark.

FAN'S EYE VIEW No 126 Kingstonian Mark Murphy Alas, Ks lost their captain, centre-half and top goalscorer

Slough denied them in 1985, 1990 and 1991. So when Welling succumbed in 1992, the explosion of emotion was understandable, if occasionally bordering on the illegal.

The Peterborough tie in the

competition proper was a new experience to all but the oldest Ks fans - and they got great press out of it, with their "patient passing game" and "dead fly" goal celebration. Although the Peterborough fans' view that the game was a have won in the last minute was

to injury and manager Chris Kelly (so that's what happened to him) quipped that if the Pope or the Archbishop of Canterbury rang up they'd get a game. Yet salvation did come from above - a 50p coin braining Ks goalkeeper Adrian Blake with Ks three down after an hour and bound for humiliation. Ks reached humiliation (9-1, if you must ask) - but without their stricken keeper. And, with the FA in barmpot mode, a behind-closed-doors replay

was ordered.

Kelly was rightly contemptuous of the decision and interpreted "club officials" as loosely as FA regulations permitted when allocating passes for the match. In such familiar surroundings, with two of the injured back in the side, Ks lost

last year set Ks up at home to strugging Brighton. In a game as dramatic as Peterborough had been dull, two Jamie Ndah goals saw them off. One was a 20-yard overhead spectacular, denied "Goal of the Month" status by some Matt Le Tissier

Our second-round pairing with fellow Isthmians Aylesbury was an anti-climax we were fated to lose, and which inflicted the duck walk on an undeserving football fraternity. So this year we're getting

round in the bar than firstround opponents after the final qualifying round win over frow-bridge. That first-round game was only treated like the 5-1 win over Eastern League oppo-nents that it was Now expec-An improbable win at Dover tations have radically altered.

"Doing ourselves justice" against League opposition used to mean a draw or narrow defeat. This year, we believe we have a chance. True, Plymouth are well-versed in the art of beating teams at our level, but now we've been there and done it. With this year's Ks team the best for some time, there's a new perspective on doing ourselves justice.

In 1992, one Ks fan commented: "I could get used to this." Well, we all have now, and we're loving every minute.

Because he is Eric Cantona and French, it is tempting to suggest that there has been some sort of spiritual make-over

It is an act of some devotion, you might think, to undertake the following: on your way from Manchester to Nottingham in order to watch Forest entertain United on Monday night, you determine to eat a curry in every town you pass through (and on the return journey, you let a curry pass through you in every town). Thus in Stockport at 1pm, in Buxton at 2.30, an item which simply thanks Canin Chesterfield at 3.45, in Mansfield at 5.30 and finally in Nottingham at 7.15, you loosen your best a notch and slam down the nan, the poppadums and a plate of ring-stinger. And you do this, not simply in order to ensure you have plenty of personal space in a crowded grandstand, but to raise £250 for a cause close to your heart: to fund celebrations of the third anniversary of Eric Cantona's arrival at Manchester United

devotees who went beyond the call of duty in their sponsored efforts to fill the celebratory coffers. Between them, the fans have raised £2,000 to buy a billboard which will be posted opposite Old Trafford for this afternoon's game against Chelsea, tona for "three amazing years".

Some might attest the amazement is principally that the player has lasted that long. When he arrived at Old Trafford on 26 November 1992, Cantona could not be faulted in his efforts in trying to secure suitable em-ployment: eight clubs in eight years was his record. Few imagined his stay at United would be anything other than brief. After his one-man effort to kick racism out of football last Jan-

Big Southy, the curry enthusiast, was but one of a dozen Cantona a chance of seeing him again in the ever-changing colours of United. Yet there he was on Monday night, stroking home his 50th goal in 103 appearances, Moreover, since his return after a nine-month suspension, Cantona appears to be playing with the sort of self-control which suggests he could still be strutting around in a red shirt in three years' time.

The manner in which Cantona has suppressed his urge to dispense instant justice has been more profound than even Alex Ferguson can have dared hope. Ferguson has said that many of Cantona's problems stem from an ability to time a tackle, and has clearly issued instructions that he need not bother. Against Forest, a mazy run was ended by a sharp intrusion from a defender, who came Jim White



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away with the ball. Cantona chased after him and every supporter in the ground held their breath, assuming a deranged two-footer was about to be launched. But then he just stopped and let the defender get on with it.

lack of fitness dictates he is not play-ing quite to the level he achieved in United's double year, he has none the less been supplying passes like an expert mattre d' dispensing the silver service (and as yet has shown no sign of frustration at the number of times Andy Cole has dropped the plate). Besides, unlike say, Paul Gascoigne, he was never a player who needed to get wound up in order to perform; his best games for United have always been when there has been no trouble on which he could dissipate his energies.

Because he is Eric Cantona and French, it is tempting, in a way it will not be when Roy Keane returns from his misdemeanours, to suggest there has been some sort of spiritual

in the past he may have got away with it, he realises another misdemeanour will finish him from the game he needs. He is particularly keen not to do anything which will jeopardise his chances of playing in the European Championship (although they may not be that good since Aimé Jacquet, the French coach, apparently advised by Graham Taylor, has implied he does not want both Cantona and David Ginola in his team).

Cantona's behaviour appears to suggest he has realised that United is the only place for him; an escape to Internazionale, for instance, a team struggling and uncertain, would do him no favours. In France, however, the national press confidently

Moreover, this lack of fire seems not to have diminished his game. If not inconceivable to suggest he has lack of fitness dictates he is not playto continue for the rest of his career as he is at present, it would be the subtlest way of sticking the boot into

his critics. Not that anything he does would alter the admiration of his appreciation society. Today, they will gather under their poster outside Old Trafford an hour before kick-off for a sing through of the dozen terrace chants created in his honour. But why, you might wonder, does he in-

spire so much affection? "I don't think you can expect that cogent an answer to that," says Richard Kurt, a leading voice among the worshippers, "It's a bit like asking a Christian exactly what they see in Jesus."



Wayne enjoying his brave new world

A star-struck 11-year-old sprang deliriously from his seat when his brother scored the goal that won the FA Cup at Wembley. Nearly a quarter of a century later. Wayne Clarke is ready to uphold family honour on a

Now nudging 35, Clarke is in his tirst season a manager of the club lying 20th in the Vauxhall Conference, Telford United. It is all a far cry from his own top-flight career. let alone the day in 1972 when "our Allan" headed Leeds to

glory beneath the Twin Towers. Telford, though, have a Cup tradition of their own, having dumped 11 League teams from the competition in the past 13 years. After surviving a decade and a half as a full-time player without experiencing such an upset at first hand. Clarke is keen to make a start when Norts County visit Shrorshire in the second round today.

Some former colleagues may, admitted, he surprised to find him in management. The vouncest of five brothers from the West Midlands who all played league football - and a striker who shared Allan's instinct for ruthless finishing - Wayne seemed too specialised, too sharp to risk his reputation on the lower rungs of such a precarious ladder.

Allan tried it, notably at Leeds and Barnsley, with mixed results. He now works in the extractor-fan business in Scunthorpe, while Frank, Derek and Kelvin are also out of the game.
"Allan told me: 'Unless you've got money, forget it," Wayne said. "He had a bitter experiopen and I believe I can turn

things around." His summer arrival at the Buck's Head, where Wolves now stage reserve fixtures, brought him almost full circle. Born in Wolverhampton, he was an apprentice at Molineux beaten from the start of a sea-and made his senior debut for son. Clarke struck the only the club. They were already in free fall when the chance arose to join Birmingham.

The Clarke scoring instinct would have been useful the night that Birmingham, then in the old First Division, lost a third-round tie at home to Altrincham. "I played in the reserves at QPR that afternoon because I was coming back from injury," Clarke said. "I got in the ground for the last 10 minutes and it wasn't a pretty sight. But it does show that anyone can beat anyone else on their day.

Twelve months on, in the spring of 1987, he joined Everton for just £300,000 as an



Phil Shaw meets the youngest member of the Clarke clan. who takes his Telford United team to Notts County today in the FA Cup second round

moment of opportunism the following year that Merseyside

remembers him. Liverpool crossed Stanley Park needing only a draw to set a record of 30 matches un-

Graeme Sharp. Ten games and cheek" from the watching Alpionship medal, but it is for a side whose landmark was thus preserved. It became "A Smacker from Sniffer" in the headlines.

In retrospect, it was the high point of Clarke's career. A succession of moves followed, including a loan return to Wolves in 1991. He was to be a foil for goal, earning "a peck on the Steve Bull, "It could have been



emergency replacement for Clarke: Ready to uphold the family honour in the FA Cup

a great partnership because by then, teams had cottoned on to the long ball over the top for Bully. I liked to come short and be his own man when, with a link with midfield, so it would have given them variety.

"I was 20 minutes into my first match when I bust my ribs and punctured a lung. I went when I was fit Peter Reid blocked the deal, so we shall never know now."

Clarke had been bought for City by Howard Kendall, who heads the list of those he hopes to emulate in his new role. "The best man-manager I played for. Never shouted his mouth off. Unfortunately for me he left soon after he signed me. Ironically, that's also what had happened at Everton."

Then there was John Bond. "His tactical awareness and technical ability as a coach were excellent when we were at Birmingham. Everything was geared to going forward, which suited me perfectly. But he'd get frustrated with players and let it show, when sometimes he should have bitten his

Not to mention Ron Saunders. "He was a shrewd man and he could be extremely sarcastic, but we had a great laugh with him in training at Blues. He just never got on with the media, so

people mistakenly assumed he was a dour character." Clarke, however, resolved to century of league goals behind him, he took over a Telford team who had narrowly avoided relegation. Funds are scarce, the squad young and small in ered that: "You're not just playing your own game, but 10

other people's too. But the most frustrating part is not having the players in every day. They train two nights a week, which makes it hard to iron out individual bad habits."

Notts County are second in the Second Division, 65 places above Telford. Clarke trusts that the loss of his old Anfield adversary, Steve Nicol, to Sheffield Wednesday may even matters up, though it was candour rather than kidology when he said: "We'll have to do a lot better than we have if we're going to beat them."

Despite a back injury, Clarke

expects to lead from the front - "I haven't got much choice" - and at least one of the brothers in lore will be there to watch. Frank, a former Ipswich striker, is 53 now, yet if Wayne were to oblige with the winner. sibling revelry might once again be unconfined.

Barrow seek second round knock-out



The former Football league clubs with big ambi-League club, Barrow, tions this weekend and at least are aiming to provide another knock-out performance today. thanks to the help of a boxing

The Cumbrian club are prospering from the bond between he Liverpool match-maker.

manager, Tony Hesketh.

Since Vaughan took over as chairman at Holker Street, BarThe club scored a stagge row's fortunes have improved dramatically - both on and off the field. There will be an all-ticket crowd of 3,500 today, when they welcome Third Division Wigan Athletic in the second round of the FA Cup. Neil Morton will be espe-

cially keen to do well today. He had a spell with Wigan and is Barrow's top scorer with 14 goals this season after a club-record £11,000 move from Al-

The former Everton and Olcham midfielder, Billy Kenny, is also expected to figure in a match which guarantees the winners a place alongside the top clubs in the draw for third round, taking place at 10.05pm

Barrow are one of 12 non-

tions this weekend and at least two of them will go through to the money-spinning stage. Enfield entertain Woking,

while Beazer Homes League rivals Cinderford and Gravesend meet in the Forest of Dean. Cinderford have never progressed beyond the third qualifying Stephen Vaughan, and their round - let alone to the third round proper - but are quietly

The club scored a staggering 118 goals in 30 games to secure the Hellenic League title last season and have a blend of youth and experience.

Chris Price, the former Portsmouth, Aston Villa, Blackburn and Hereford defender, is a key figure, as is the assistant manager Clive Boxall, formerly of Kidderminster, while League scouts are assessing the talents of the 20-year-old striker Danny Hill and the 21-year-old midfielder Bradley

Colwyn Bay of the Unibond League are also in uncharted territory and face a trip to Second Division Blackpool. Kingstonian are assured of a much bigger crowd than normal when they entertain Third Division Plymouth tomorrow.

FA backing for Venables

If Terry Venables was in charge of a Premiership club, he would be emptying his desk. One vote of confidence is usually enough to see off a manager but yesterday the England coach received his second in two weeks This came from the chairman

of the Football Association's international committee, Noel White, who reaffirmed his faith in Venables even though fellow committee members had implied the FA had less than overwhelming faith in its man. lan Stott, the chairman of

Oldham Athletic, reacted to news that Venables faced possible disqualification from being a director of any company by the Department of Trade and Industry by saying that was why the former Tottenham manager had been named coach rather than manager in January 1994. Stott, speaking to the Daily Mirror, said: "No one is helped

ham Taylor's successor, made it clear, however, that the coach retained his support. Terry has a contract which takes him up to July 1996," he said, "and we all need to support him in his aim of doing the very best for England in next summer's European Champiouship." White, a director of Liverpool. declined to comment directly on

was on the three-man panel

which chose Venables as Gra-

Stott's claims, although he did point out: "When we gave Terry the title we were restyling the iob for what we feel ought to follow... that the man in charge of the England team should be involved in coaching rather than administration. After all, how many managers at top clubs are involved in financial affairs?

A fortnight ago White also issued a strong statement of support for Venables after reports that an unnamed member of the international committee had said that he and his colleagues felt disquiet about recent events.

Lewis awaits Easter date

The heavyweight pairing be-tween Lennox Lewis and Riddick Bowe is on schedule for Easter Saturday, 6 April. With the major titles tied up for the foreseeable months, Lewis-Bowe is just about the biggest heavyweight prospect of present times. In addition, Bowe is still the World Boxing Organisation

Lewis' promoter, Panos Eliades, believes the contract could be finalised by the end of next heavyweight final.

Franziska van Almsick, of Ger-

many, who was disqualified from

the 100m freestyle final, with-

drew from her showcase event,

the 200m freestyle, at the world

short course championships in

Her performance has not

been good, so she did not swim.

She also has been sick recently

with a cough." Achim Jedamsky. the German women's coach,

said, adding that she was also

doubtful for the women's

4x100m freestyle relay today.

Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

week. Eliades initially intended to offer Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, a £6m guarantee, but a new financial format is now

take an agreed percentage. The venue has still to be decided, with Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, South Africa and Kenya possible venues for a bout which has been waiting to happen ever since Lewis beat Bowe in the 1988 Seoul Olympics super-

In the 100m final on Thurs-

day, van Almsick was disquali-

fied after a false start which the judge interpreted as deliberate.

Yi Le, a member of the Chinese

team van Almsick has accused

of drug use, went on to win in

53.23sec - 0.22sec off her mark

set in the last world champion-

Karen Pickering failed to make the final of the 200m

freestyle. The defending champ-

ion finished as the ninth fastest

qualifier and missed out on a

ships in Spain.

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The world record-holder Jing

being pursued. This will effec-

tively put all the cash into a pot,

Van Almsick's sinking feeling

Giants are depleted for **Sharks return**

Basketball

Manchester Giants' injury problems continue as they prepare to face Sheffield Sharks at Ponds Forge tomorrow, hoping to claim the final place in the semi-final line up for the 7-Up Trophy, writes Duncan

Hooper.
The Giants, who may be without the 6ft 11in Danny Craven for the rest of the season following knee surgery, will also be without their most experienced player, Kevin St Kitts, until the new year. St Kitts was injured in a head-on collision with another player.

Sheffield gained an 81-78 win at Manchester in the first leg of their quarter-final last week and will join London Towers, Birmingham Bullets and Worthing Bears in the last four if they stay ahead of Giants on aggregate tomorrow. The Sheffield coach, Jim

Brandon, is not taking the re-sult for granted. He said: "It's a good job the first leg ended when it did because they would have caught us if it had lasted

SPORTING DIGEST American Football NFL: Angora 6 NY Gents 10. Boxing Neil Swain. the Weish boxer, has lost Neil Swain, the Weish boxer, has lost his Commonwealth super-baritarnweight title - four weeks after his last defeat in South Africa. The Commonwealth Boung Council have declared the title vecant because the 24-year-old Swain, from Gilfach Godh, was beaten on points by the South African Antion Gilmore in a non-championship fight in Sun City on 4 November. Swain will still be a contender for the title and a return with Gilmore would be recognised as a championship bout. The World Rooma Association light-heave-

Athletics

Sally Anne Short, the Weish sprinter, has retried at the age of 27, having been unable to shake off the glandular fever-type virus she has suffered from for about three years. Short was Weish champ-ion at 100 metres and 200m from 1986 to 1995 and represented Great Britain as a junior and sensor.

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Aravinda de Silva, the Kent batsman, hurt his finger while batting in the nets and was ruled out of the Sri Lanks four match against Tasmania in Launceston. Tasmania laboured to 252 for 4 at close on the first day after winning the toss. So Lanka meet Australia in the first Test.

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weight championship fight between the champion Virgil Hill, of the United States, and Switzerland's Stellan Angelms, scheduled to take place on 8 December in Zurich, has been can-celled because of insufficient funding.

Middlesbrough have been refused a work Microestrough raw been received a work-permat for the Croatian striker, igor Cul-tanovic. Bryan Robson was prepared to pay £1m for the 25-year-old Croatia Za-greb player but he did not meet in-ternational criteria.

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Marc Elis, the New Zealand rugby union record-holder, confirmed yesterday that he has switched codes by signing for Auckland Warnors. Elis, 24, revealed he had sealed a time-year compact with the club that is aligned to Rupert Murdoch's Super League.

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Mick Galwey has withdrawn from Munster's team to play Transvaal at Musgrave Park in Cork today because of a
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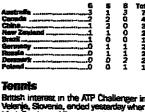
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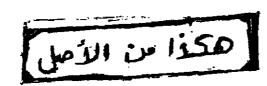
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SECOND TEST: Atherton's men succumb to little-known spinner after severe pace examination

Donald triggers England collapse

MARTIN JOHNSON

reports from Johannesburg South Africa 332 & 5-0 England 200

Jettisoned as the team's spiritual advisor during the Illingworth revolution (confirmation to some that God is not only a Yorkshireman, but actually living in Farsley), the Rev Andrew Vigfield-Digby paid a visit to the Wanderers yesterday, and doubtless wondered whether he might be in with a chance of getting his old job back.

England are not quite with-out a prayer in this Test match, but all the signs are there that some kind of divine intervention - such as one of those Johannesburg thunderstorms that have inconveniently disappeared - is now required.

The decision to bowl first with an all-seam attack now looks even pottier than it did on Thursday morning, since when England have managed to make a left-arm spinner with a Test record of 5 for 359 in five games look like Shane Warne, and will now have to bat last on a wearing pitch with an unholy deficit.

England's bowling yesterday did little to alleviate the suspicion that an injury to Dominic Cork would leave them hopelessly short of ammunition, and they followed this up by batting like an XI plucked at random from one of the beer tents.

Michael Atherton's dismissal set the tone for England's desperate reply of 200 to South Africa's 332, the captain shouldering arms to a ball from Alamination of Mark Ramprakash was as one-sided a contest as will this series.

Ramprakash played some of 3 for 9 from seven overs. Wonderful shots during his 51faced were fresh air shots.

cover boundary to get off the mark after 32 scoreless deliveries, Ramprakash got a touch carried away by this orgy of runmaking, and was still in mid-drive when Donald arrowed a full length ball into his

middle stump. Ramprakash, dropped after making a pair in last summer's Lord's Test, went on to make 1,638 runs in his last 16 innings for Middlesex, including six centuries and three double centuries, but after making 9 and 4 in his two Test innings on this tour (and making them pretty

horribly at that) the gangplank looms once again.

England would have been in more trouble at 51 for 3 had

Alec Stewart, having played and missed so often he kept staring at his bat as though someone had shaved a couple of inches off it, not been the beneficiary of a rare stroke of luck. Stewart's spliced pull off Donald lobbed gently to mid-wicket, and it was such an easy catch that Stewart was pulling off his gloves en route for the pavilion when Shaun Pollock let it squirm from his grasp.

Ironically, Stewart and Graham Thorpe then appeared to have battled their way into some kind of form when South Africa called up Clive Eksteen to bowl his left-arm spin, and he promptly ended a third-wicket partnership of 64 with his first

However, if Thorpe's expression registered even more astonishment than Mike Gatting's after Shane Warne's first ball in the 1993 Ashes series, it had less to do with the delivery than the decision. TV replays are never satisfactory when it comes to bat-pad catches, but in this case Thorpe's bat was barely in camera shot when the ball lobbed to short leg off his front pad.

Stewart was also the victim of a bad decision (his own) when he whipped Pringle straight to the man at short midwicket, placed there specifically for one of his trademark shots. This was a nasty wicket to lose just before tea, as was Hick's just after it.

There was nothing wrong with Hick's plan to demonlan Donald that clipped his off strate that most of Eksteen's stump, and Donald's fierce exgentle floaters belonged in the gentle floaters belonged in the High Street but, in attempting to hit him out of the ground, be witnessed - bar Devon Mal-Hick merely drove back a return him, perhaps - for the rest of Russell failed to clear midwicket, and Eksteen had figures

There then followed a rivetminute innings, nearly all of ing contest between Donald them, sadly, during rehearsals and Robin Smith, and although and Robin Smith, and although the bowling, Ramprakash was literally unable to lay bat on ball, and most of the 35 deliant. third man off Brian McMillan Having driven Donald to the over boundary to get off the century, England would have been blown away for a disgraceful total rather than a merely inadequate one.

Shann Pollock, who is being fought over by both Warwickshire and Hampshire, and who had earlier demonstrated his allrounder credentials with the bat, proved too spiteful for England's lower order, although he needed a brilliant slip catch from Darryl Cullinan to account for Cork, and a dubious lbw decision to remove Angus Fraser. Smith was last out with a leading edge back to McMillan,



Darren Gough takes evasive action at the Wanderers yesterday

Photograph: Laurence Griffiths/Empics

leaving Malcolm with the only score he is as familiar with as nought: nought not out. Earlier, Malcolm had justi-

fied his selection by finishing with four wickets but, in all honesty, his figures flattered him. South Africa's last three wickets added 54 more runs in 70 minutes, which is some indication of England's accuracy.

However, at least Malcohn took wickets. Fraser and Darren Gough finished with a joint aggregate of 0 for 153 in 35 overs, and it is a bit of a worry to see bowlers more used to being clapped off looking clapped out. More cricket, page 23

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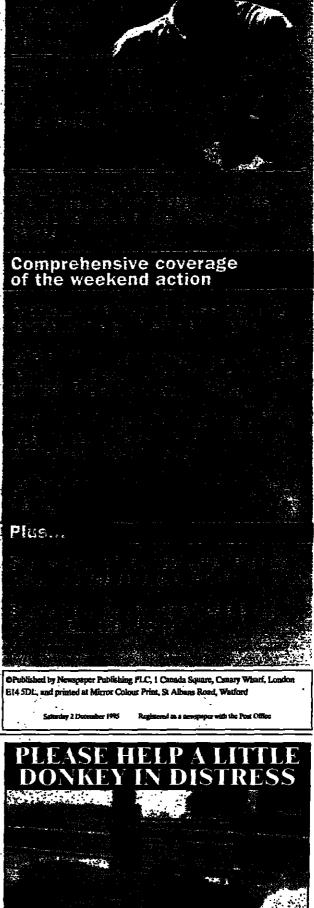
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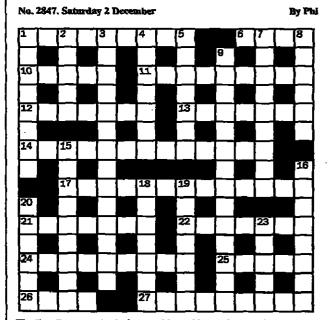
Mel Gibson probably started it. All those brave Scots winning things left, right and centre-forward in Braveheart while attired in natty outfits was a cinematic success equal to a good run

in Europe. Yesterday Celtic followed

women and men, full Highland dress and scarves. The tartan replaces an earlier design, but don't hurry to the club shop because it will be available only through Geoffrey (Tailor) High-land Crafts in Glasgow, Edin-burgh and Galashiels. However, selected stores in America will be able to supply Gibson should he desire one for his next epic of the giens.



THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



The first five correct solutions to this week's puzzle opened next Thursday receive hardbacked copies of the excellent Chambers Biographical Dictionary, worth £35. Answers and winners' names will be published next Saturday. Send solutions to Saturday Crossword, P. O. Box 4018, The independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London £14 581. Please use the box number and postcode. Last week's winners were: Mr G Plant, Halesowen; Geraldine Hearne, Enfield; Kenneth Roderick, Mid Glamorgan; Mr R A Lloyd Jones, Cardiff; Mrs Jean Filkin, Cumbria.

- ACROSS

- 1 Was pencil marking a crime regarding bathroom furnishing? (4-5)
 6 Show disapproval of man's society (4)
 10 Make a gap, taking book from its place (5)
 11 Variety of plain one about right? This one's far from plain! (9)
 12 See one investing in source of gold, producing lots of plates (7)
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 Fix in advance: soft colour with just a hint of emerald? Splendid (9)
 Knowing conflict will split extremes of alliance (5)
 Examine the Northern group upon return (4)
 Unbeatable but with no one to play against? (9)

Friday's solution

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- of-touch (9)

 16 Openings involving the French film actresses (8)

 18 Rare metal: I'm brute to melt (7)

 19 Just starting, and one picked up the trail (7)

 20 Drink taken round each cup finally originating here? (6)

 23 Hunt letter that gets dropped in box (5)
 - Last Saturday's solution

DOWN



The old city requires 9-5, what? (7) New nervous reaction interrupts perfect situation just the same (9) Only Solomon will suppress East (6) One died in old car accident - it may put a lot on one's plate (7,3,4) 15 Isn't sure working on Sunday will do for being out-

suit by launching a new piece of club kit fit to grace any Old Firm derby. The more sartor-ial or clannish fan, depending on your point of view, can now add to his scarf, bob hat and replica shirt...the Parkhead tartan.

It will be used in kilts for

appalling condition. They were infested with lice and their neglected, overgrown hooves made walking extremely difficult. They had been kept with horses and had suffered deep and painful bite wounds on their backs. Their fear of humans was so intense that one poor donkey threw himself on the ground, trembling with fright, when first examined by the We are now providing them with the care they deserve. We

These four donkeys were found starving and in the most

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